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VS
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WOULD YOU RELAX?

WE'RE THE BEST-LOOKING COUPLE HERE, AND WE'RE JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME.

DON'T LET MY WIFE HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASINO NIGHT CLUB STAYS IN THE CLUB, SIR.

DULY NOTED.

AND YOU ARE ...?

I'M JUST THE HUMBLE CONCIERGE.

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SONIC & SALLY
Freedom Fighters
& Ex-Couple

MAMMOTH MOGUL
petty Demigod

BEAN & BARK
Bounty Hunters

NACK THE WEASEL
Fanged Sniper

AND
DESTRUCTIX
SLEUTH DAWG
Mercenary Leader



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN AND ROUGE THE BAT. TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF BEING VISITED BY THE MOST RENOWNED SPIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KNOTHOLE AND UNITED FEDERATION?

JUST LOOKING FOR A GAME OF TWO-UP, MATE.

AND BEING GENERALLY IMPRESSED, MR. MOGUL. YOU TURNED ONE OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S OLD HOLDINGS...

...INTO AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS OVERNIGHT.



AS THE SAYING GOES, IF YOU CONSTRUCT IT, THEY WILL ARRIVE IN DROVES.

OF COURSE. WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO CLEAN OUT THE OLD ROBO-HOBO JUNGLE?

THE POOR LITTLE MACHINATIONS...

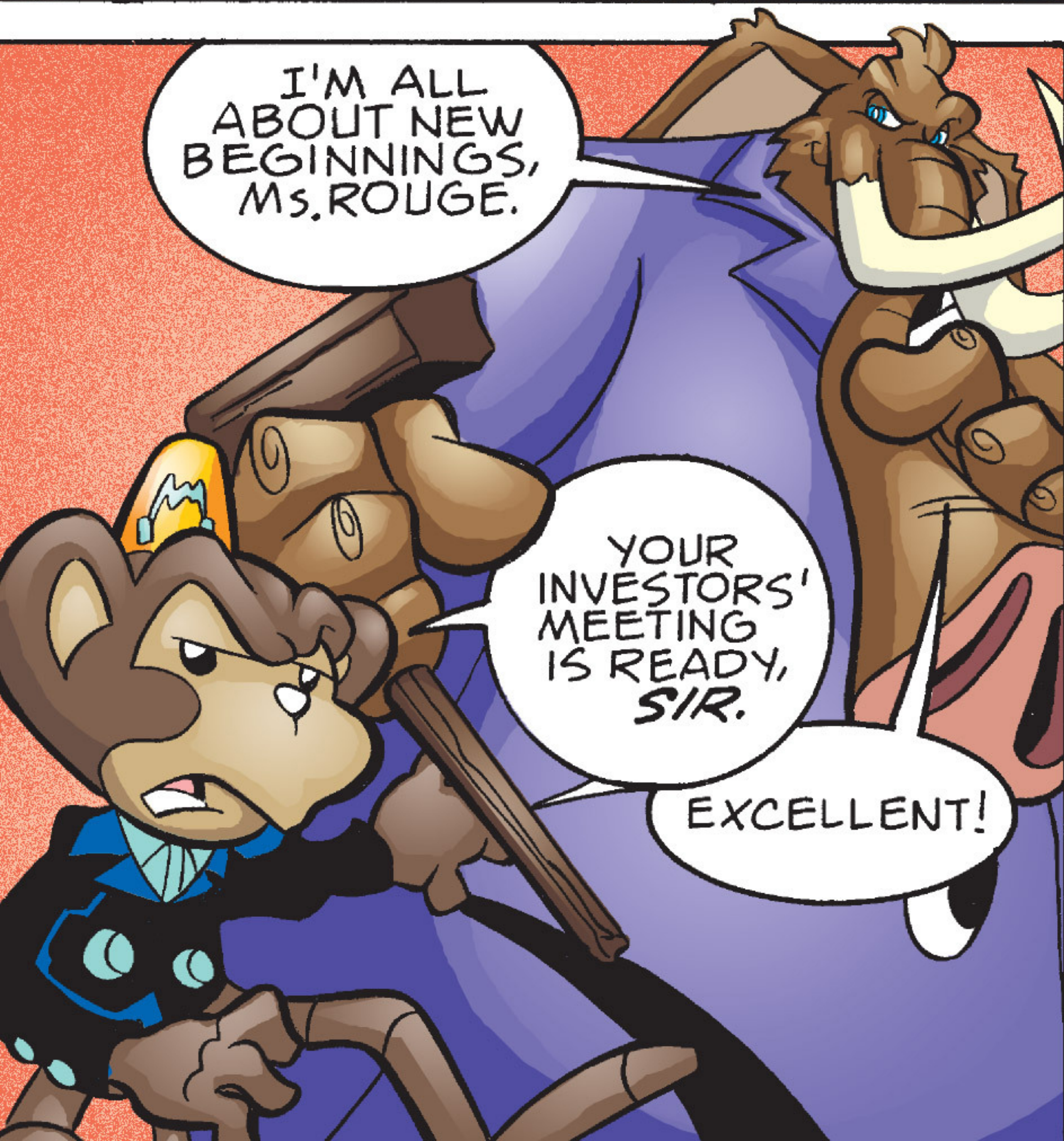
...WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR CREATOR. I SIMPLY GAVE THEM A NEW PURPOSE.



AND I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE SAME REASON YOU ACQUIRED AND RELOCATED THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL BAR AND GRILL.

THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE WAS SEVERELY LACKING IN A SERVICEABLE KITCHEN. SHOULD MY PATRONS GO UNNOURISHED?

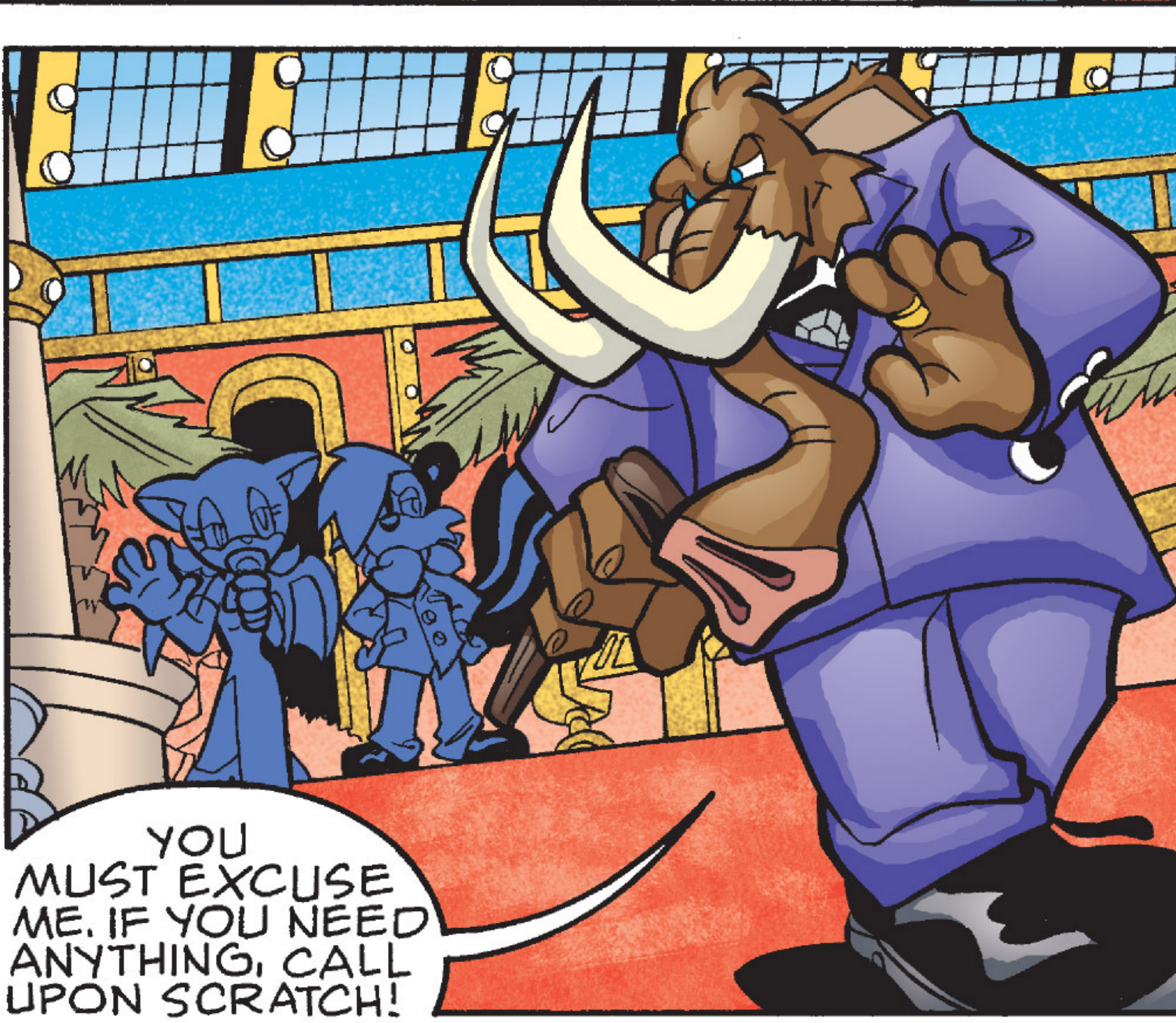
ITS REPUTATION WASN'T OFF-PUTTING?



I'M ALL ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS, MS. ROUGE.

YOUR INVESTORS' MEETING IS READY, *SIR*.

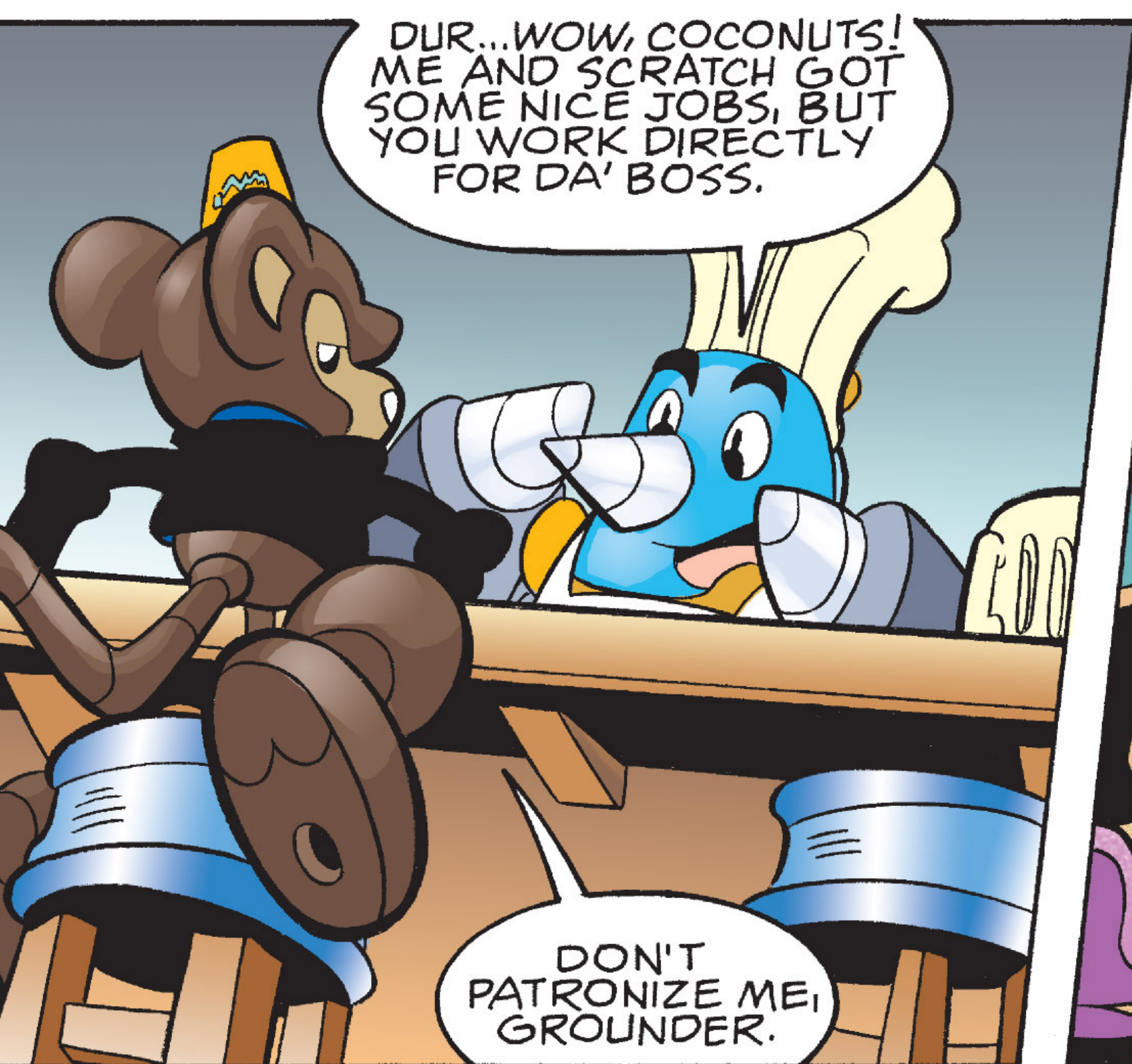
EXCELLENT!



YOU MUST EXCUSE ME. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL UPON SCRATCH!

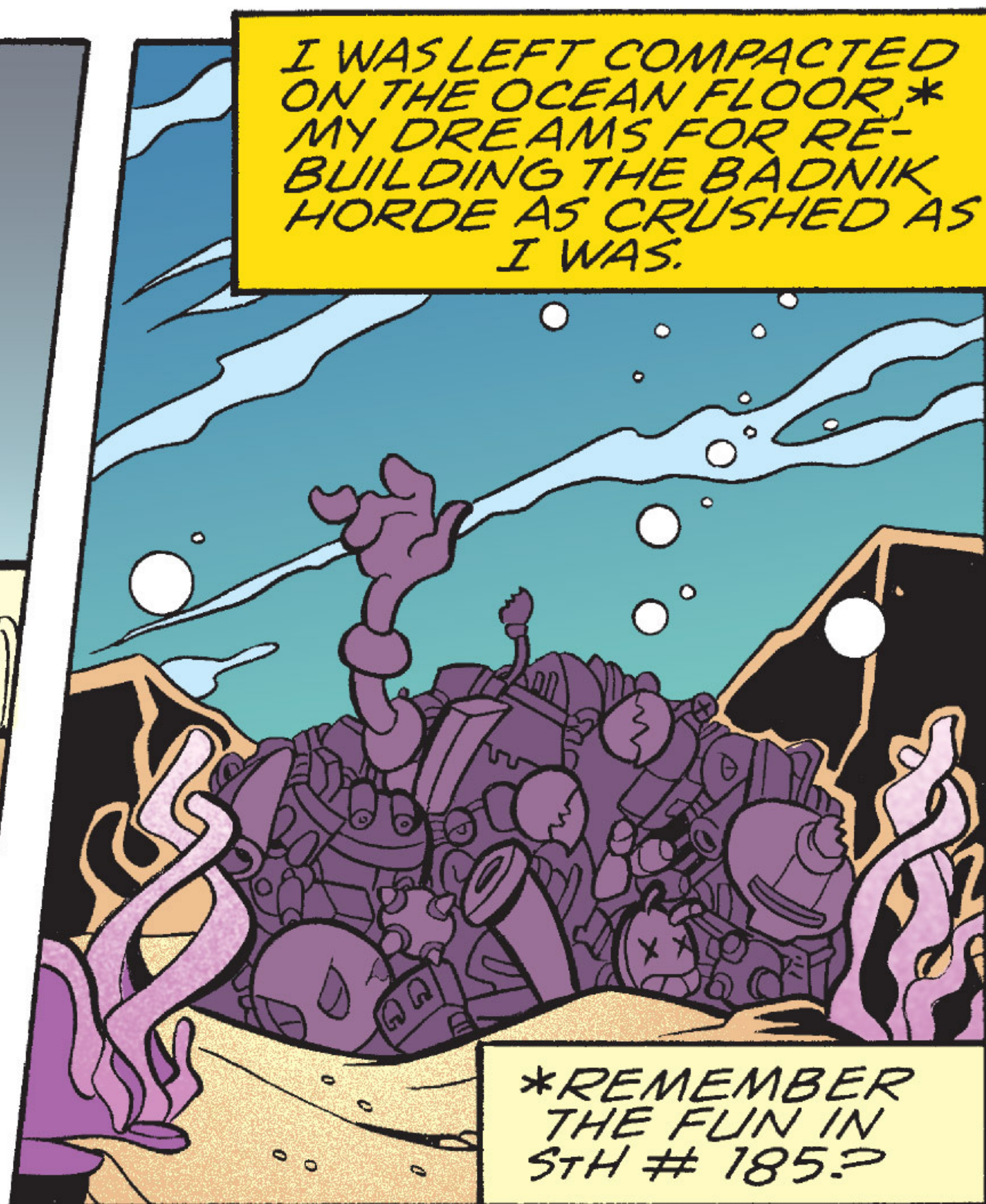


GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN. SHALL WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?



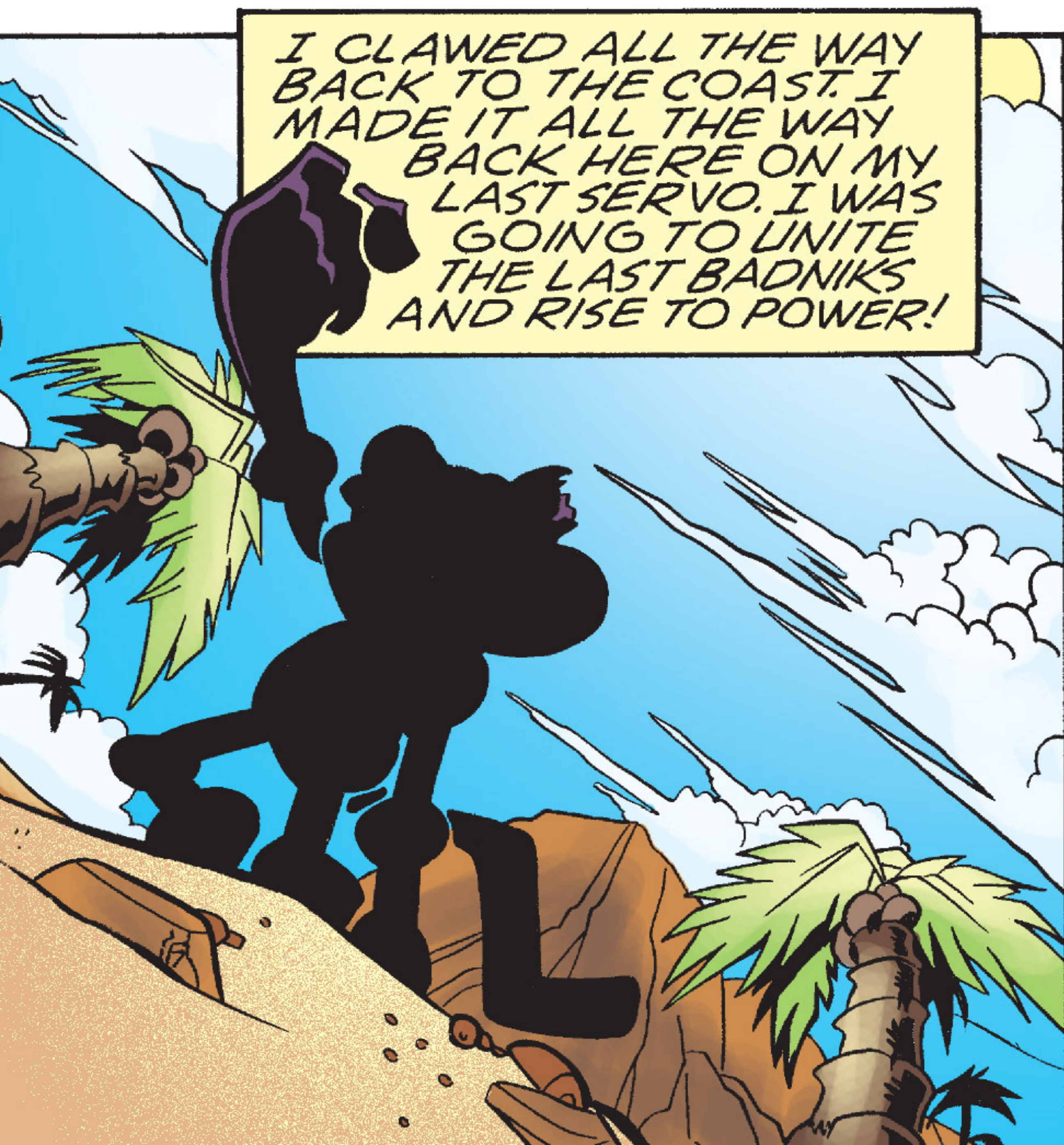
DUR...WOW, COCONUTS! ME AND SCRATCH GOT SOME NICE JOBS, BUT YOU WORK DIRECTLY FOR DA' BOSS.

DON'T PATRONIZE ME, GROUNDER.



I WAS LEFT COMPACTED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR * MY DREAMS FOR RE-BUILDING THE BADNIK HORDE AS CRUSHED AS I WAS.

*REMEMBER THE FUN IN STH # 185.?



I CLAWED ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE COAST. I MADE IT ALL THE WAY BACK HERE ON MY LAST SERVO. I WAS GOING TO UNITE THE LAST BADNIKS AND RISE TO POWER!



AND NOW I'M A BUTLER MONKEY!

~SIGH~ SOME ROBOTS HAVE ALL DA LUCK!



I'M NOT SURE THE DESTRUCTIX ARE FOR HIRE FOR YOU, MOGUL. YOU WOULD HAVE LET DR. EGGMAN DESTROY US, * AND NOW WORD IS YOU'RE GOING SOFT.

"SOFT," YOU SAY?

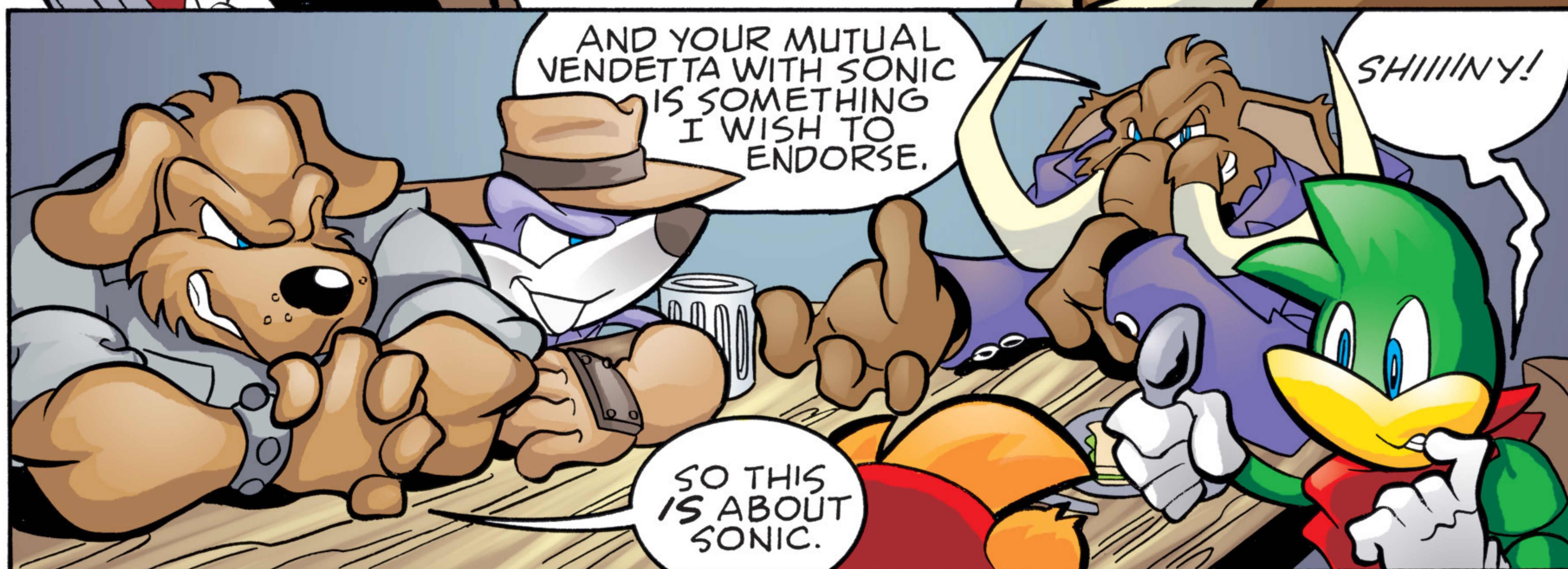
*WAY BACK IN STH # 164.



YOU GET YOUR CHAOS EMERALD BACK, AND WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU LET SONIC GO, AND YOU FREE THESE JOKERS.** WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT?

A CAUTIOUS INVESTMENT. DO NOT PLAY THE WOUNDED HEART WITH ME, SLEUTH. YOU AND YOUR CADRE ARE IN IT FOR THE MONEY. YOUR BEING HERE IS PROOF ENOUGH.

**NOT SO WAY BACK, AS IN LAST ISSUE!



AND YOUR MUTUAL VENDETTA WITH SONIC IS SOMETHING I WISH TO ENDORSE.

SHIIIIINY!

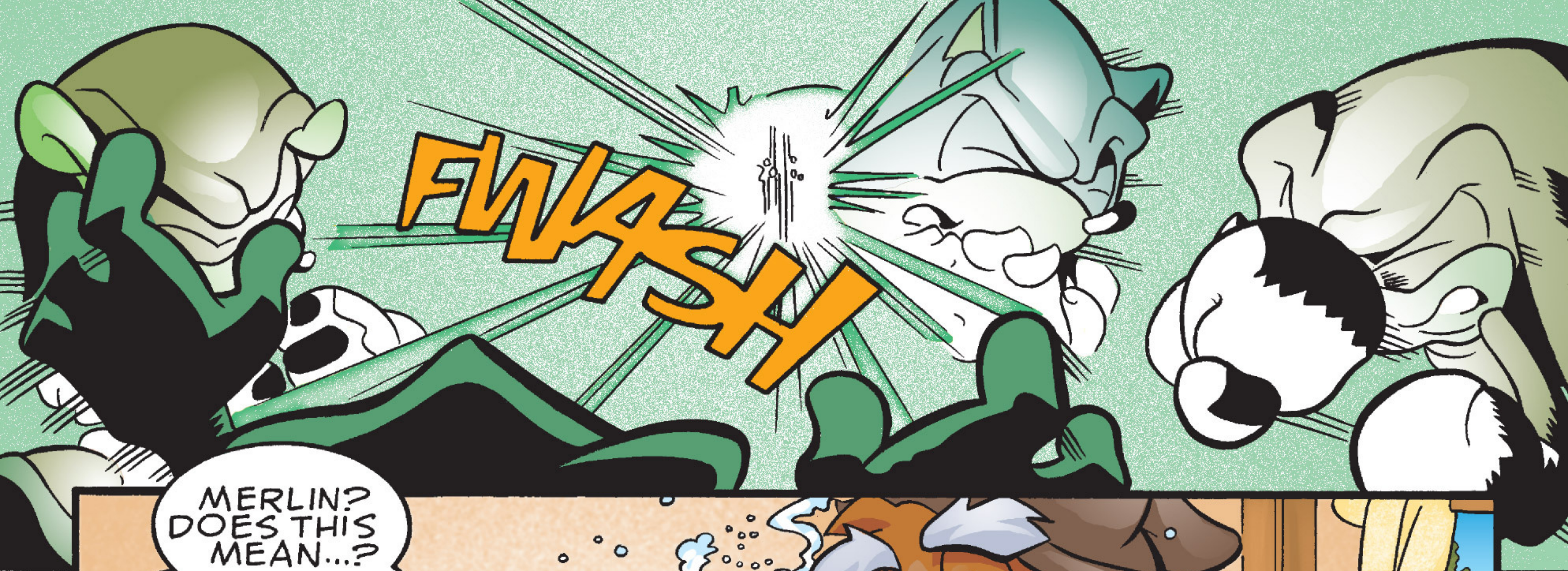
SO THIS IS ABOUT SONIC.



I'LL PAY HANDSOMELY FOR THE SHOES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. IT IS UP TO YOU IF HIS FEET ARE STILL IN THEM.

*MONSTARIS
EXSECRATIBUS
ME!*





MERLIN?
DOES THIS
MEAN...?

YES, TAILS.
THE CURSES
LAID UPON ALL
OF YOU* ARE
NO MORE.

*DID
YOU MISS
ALL THE
ACTION IN
STH # 181
AND # 185?

THANK YOU,
MR. PROWER. IT'S
A LOAD OFF MY
MIND.

BUT NOT
MINE. I WAS
NEVER CURSED.
IT WAS A NICE
LIGHT SHOW,
BUT WHY
INCLUDE
ME?

THE HEX DR. FINITEVUS PLACED
ON THE MASTER EMERALD WAS
AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ONE.
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO DRAW POWER FROM THE
GEM. I WANTED TO BE SURE THERE
WERE NO ILL EFFECTS ON YOU.

OKAY, NOW IT'S
A LOAD OFF MY MIND.
BUT HOW *DID* I
TURN INTO SUPER
SONIC IF ITS
POWER WAS
"LOCKED?"



THAT, I'M AFRAID, IS A MYSTERY. WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO MY NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

RIGHT, YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY ON YOUR OWN?



I'M SURE. I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.

WHY CAN'T YOU DO YOUR MEDITATIONS HERE? NICOLE COULD BUILD YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED...



I'M SURE SHE COULD, BUT IF I AM TO COME CLOSER TO THE CHAOS FORCE, I MUST DO SO BY MY OWN MEANS.

I'LL MISS YOU!



AND I YOU, MY PRECIOUS NEPHEW. GIVE MY LOVE TO YOUR PARENTS. I TRULY CANNOT AFFORD TO TARRY ANY LONGER.



YOU GONNA BE OKAY, LITTLE BRO?

Y-YEAH, I THINK I NEED TO WORK ON SOMETHING.

GIVE ME A SHOUT IF YOU NEED ME, OKAY? I'LL BE WITH SALLY. SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE ME.

SOON...

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE KNOTHOLE IS GONE. IT'S ONE THING TO LET GO, BUT TO EVEN ACCEPT IT...

IT EATS AT ME, TOO, SAL. I STILL FEEL LIKE I SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE.

YOU SAVED US ALL FROM CERTAIN DOOM. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

MAYBE FOR MOST FOLKS.

I'M USED TO SAVING YOUR TAIL.

HAR HAR.

SO WHY'D YOU WANT ME OUT HERE?

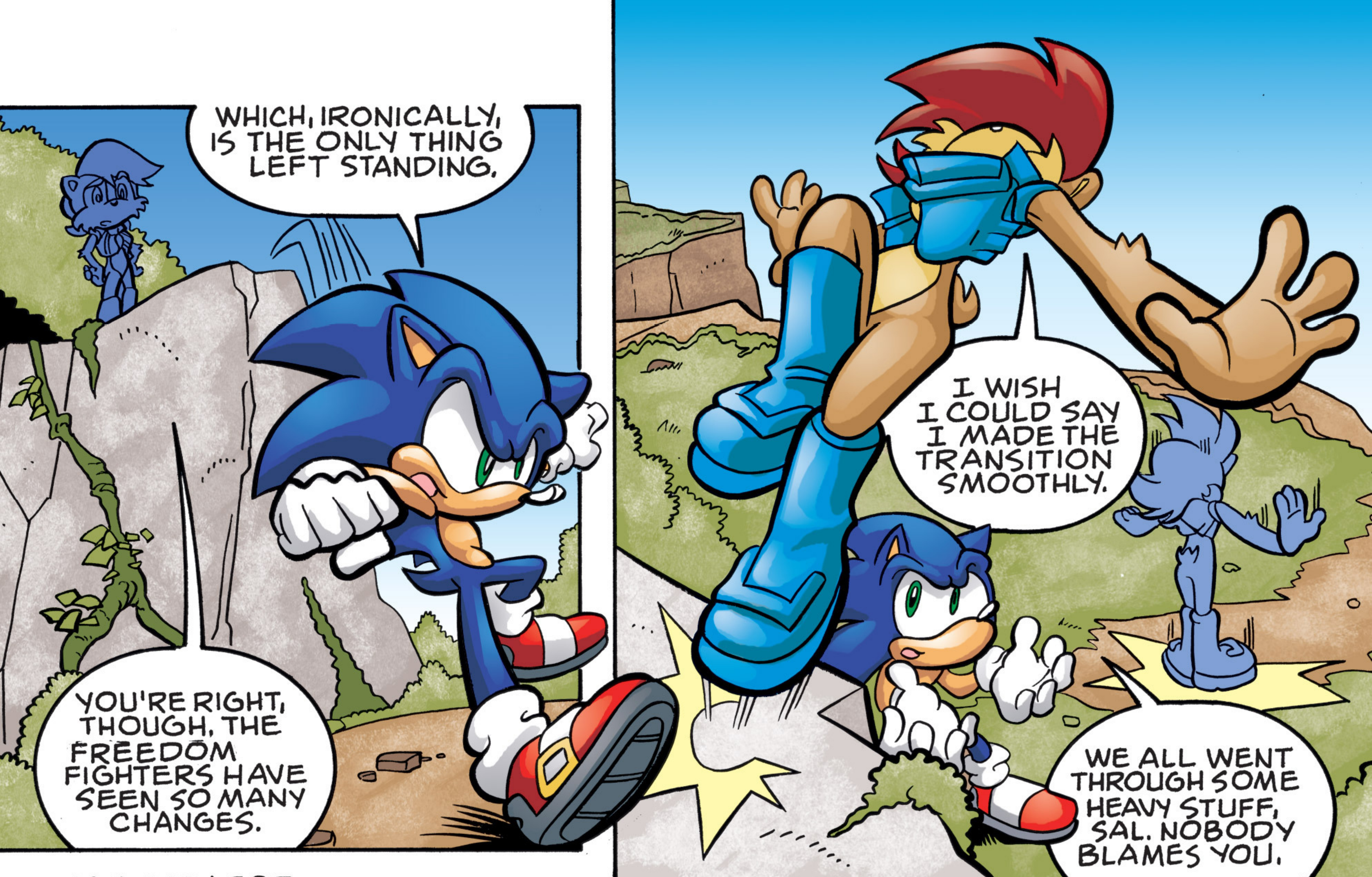
GET LONELY ON MEMORY LANE?

WE WERE JUST KIDS THEN, FIGHTING A GROWN-UP'S WAR, BUT IT NEVER FELT TOO BIG WHEN WE COULD COME BACK HERE, TO HOME.

YES, HONESTLY.

I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT BEING IN THE GREAT FOREST WITHOUT THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

YEAH, HARD TO BELIEVE ALL THE STUFF WE'VE OVERCOME SINCE THE DAYS OF THE OLD HIDE-OUT.



WHICH, IRONICALLY,
IS THE ONLY THING
LEFT STANDING.

YOU'RE RIGHT,
THOUGH, THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
SEEN SO MANY
CHANGES.

I WISH
I COULD SAY
I MADE THE
TRANSITION
SMOOTHLY.

WE ALL WENT
THROUGH SOME
HEAVY STUFF,
SAL. NOBODY
BLAMES YOU.

NOT EVEN FOR
MY... OUTBURST
...DURING YOUR
HOMECOMING
CELEBRATION?*

OH, COME
ON, SALLY.
ALL YOU DID
WAS BREAK
MY HEART.
I GOT
OVER IT!

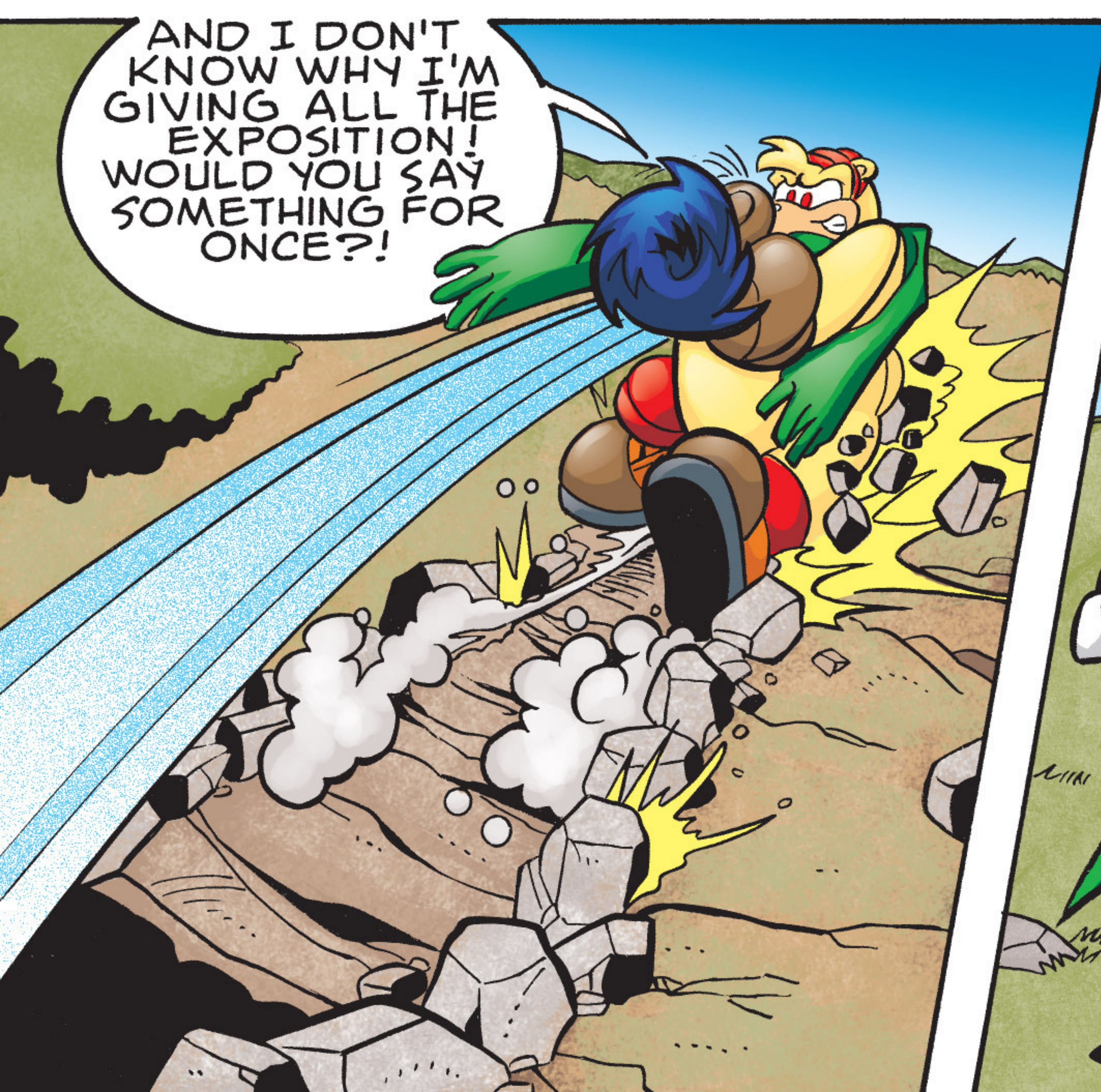
SONIC!

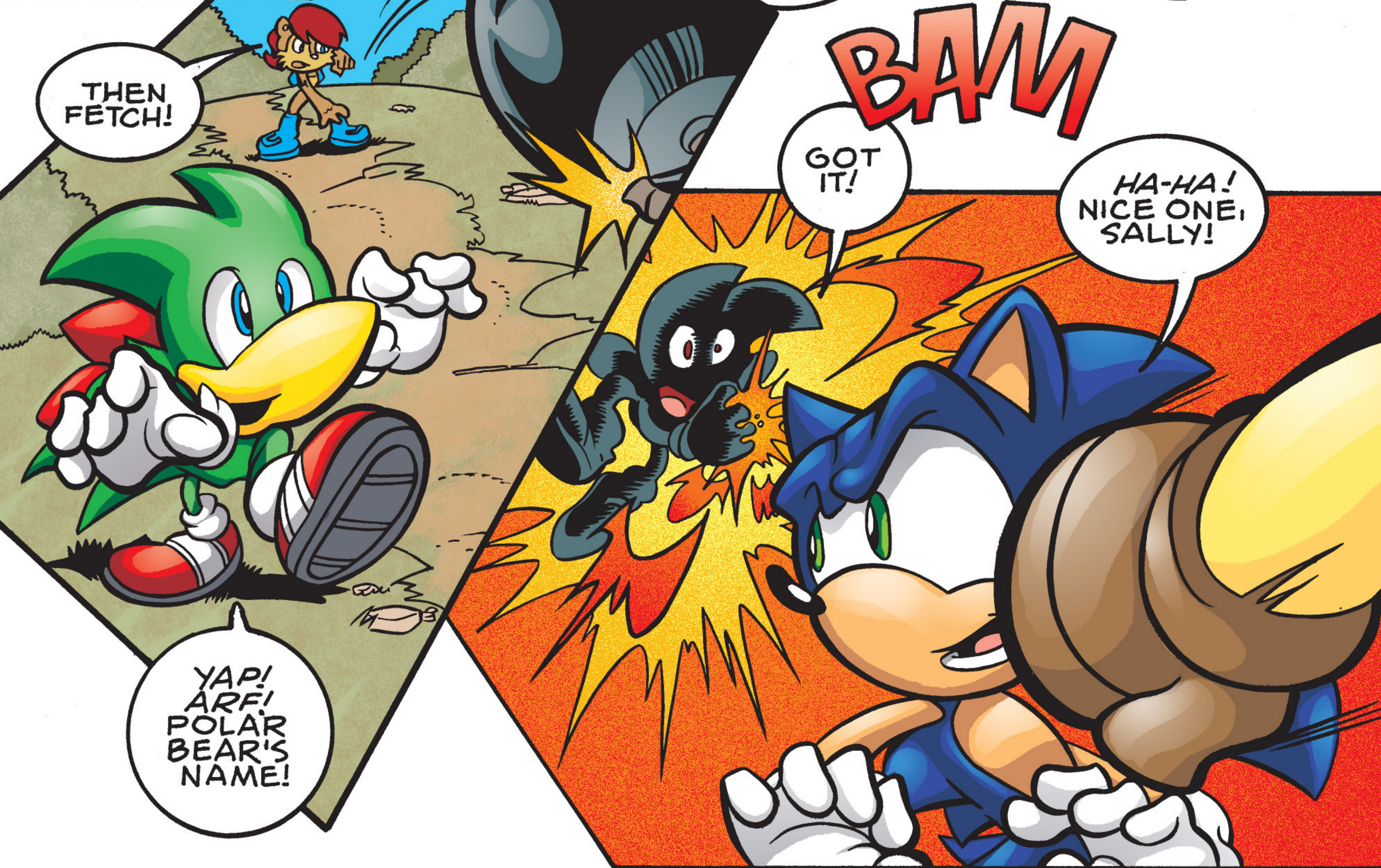
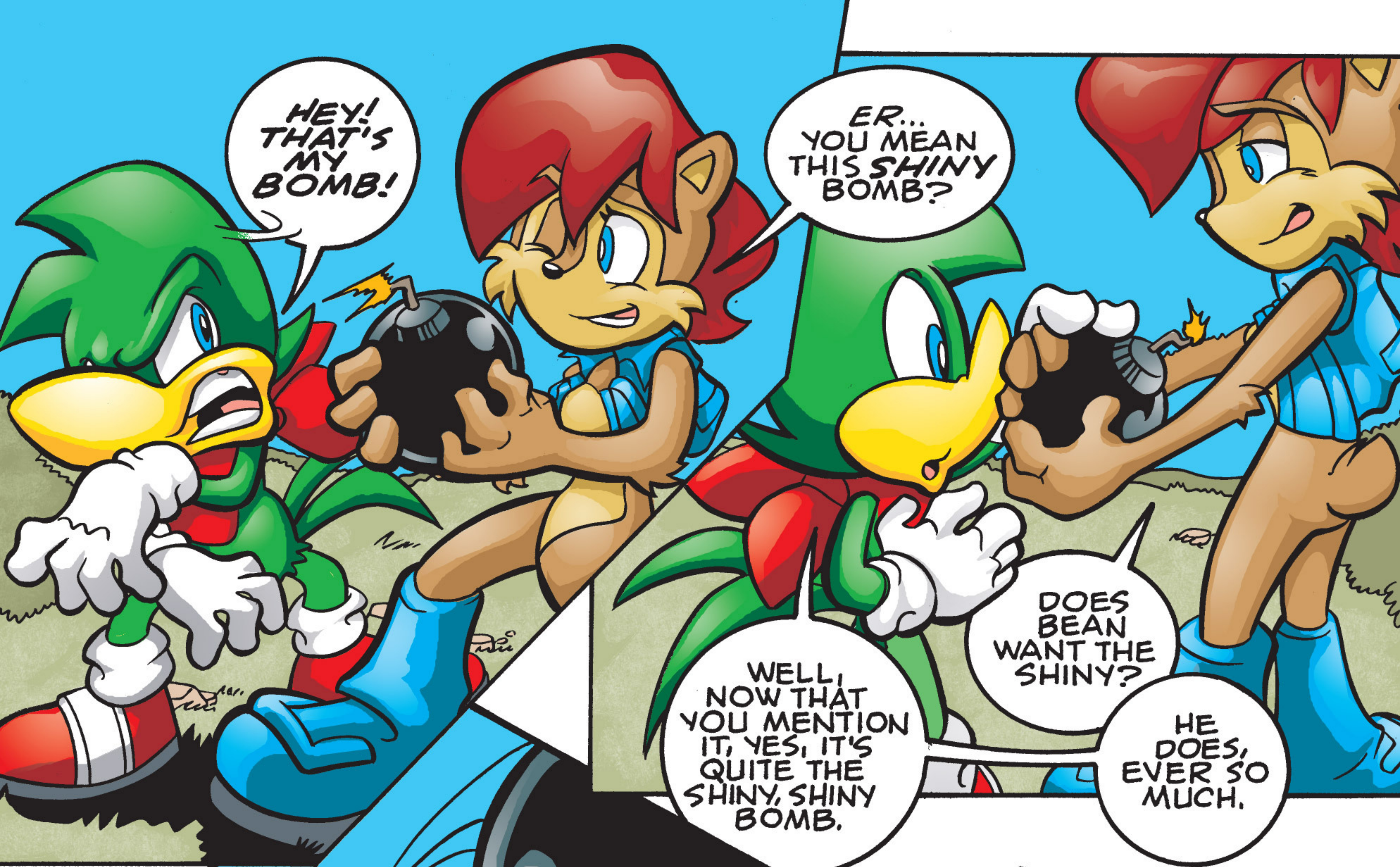
*WHO CAN
FORGET "THE
SLAP" OF
STH # 134.?

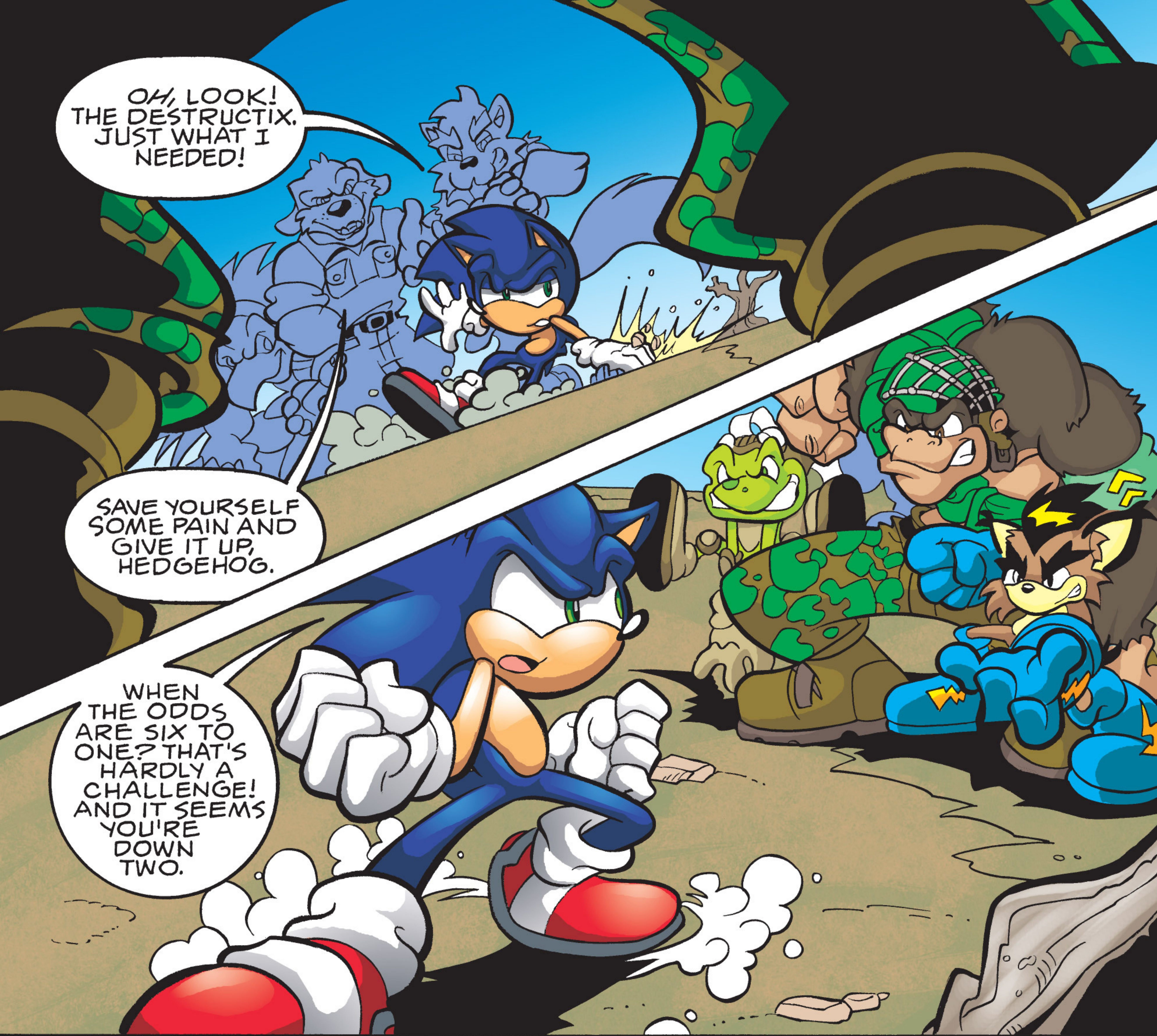
SERIOUSLY, SAL.
WE'RE COOL.
WE'RE STILL
FRIENDS.

GOOD. I'M
GLAD TO
HAVE YOU AS
A FRIEND.
AND MAYBE
WE...?









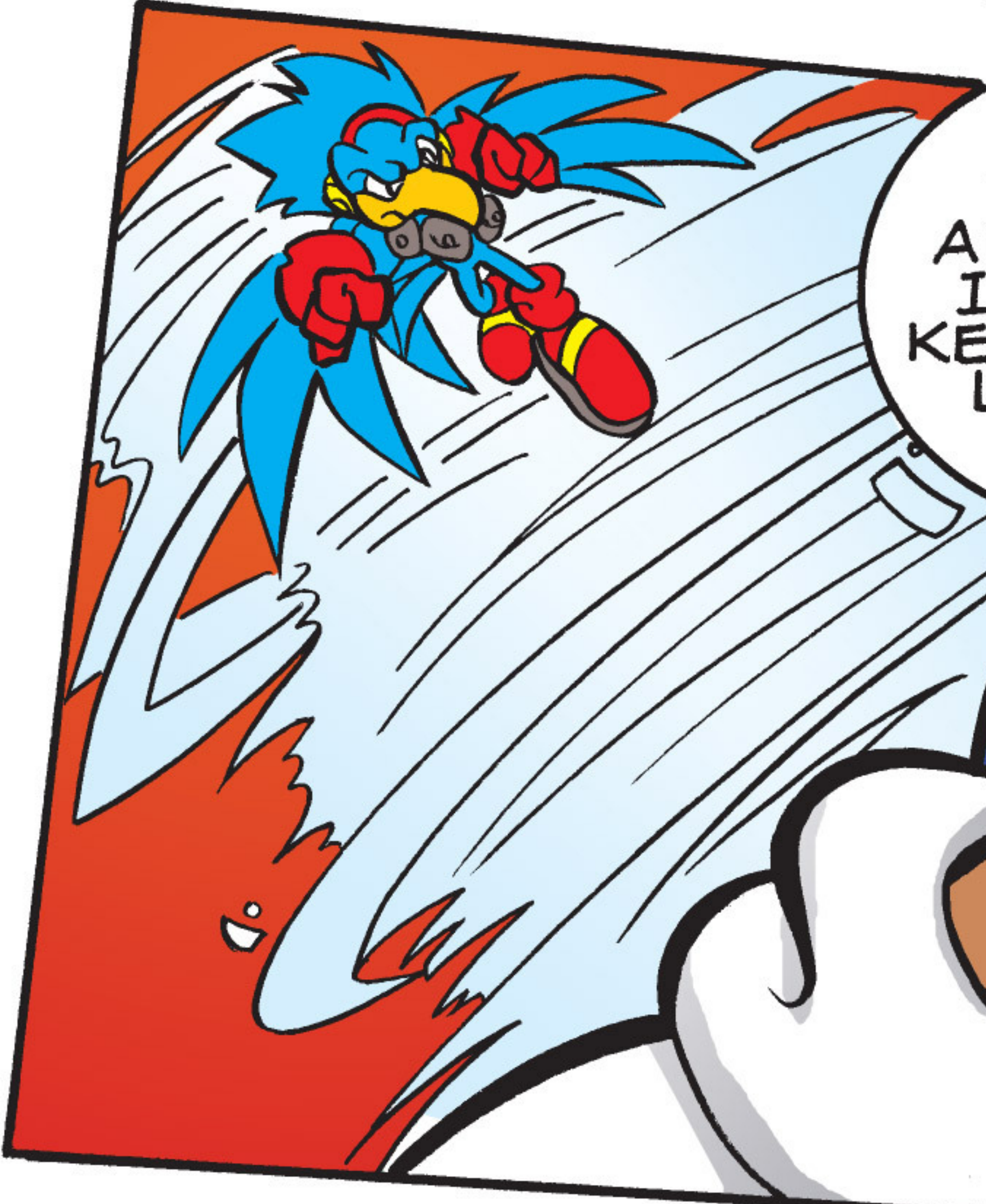
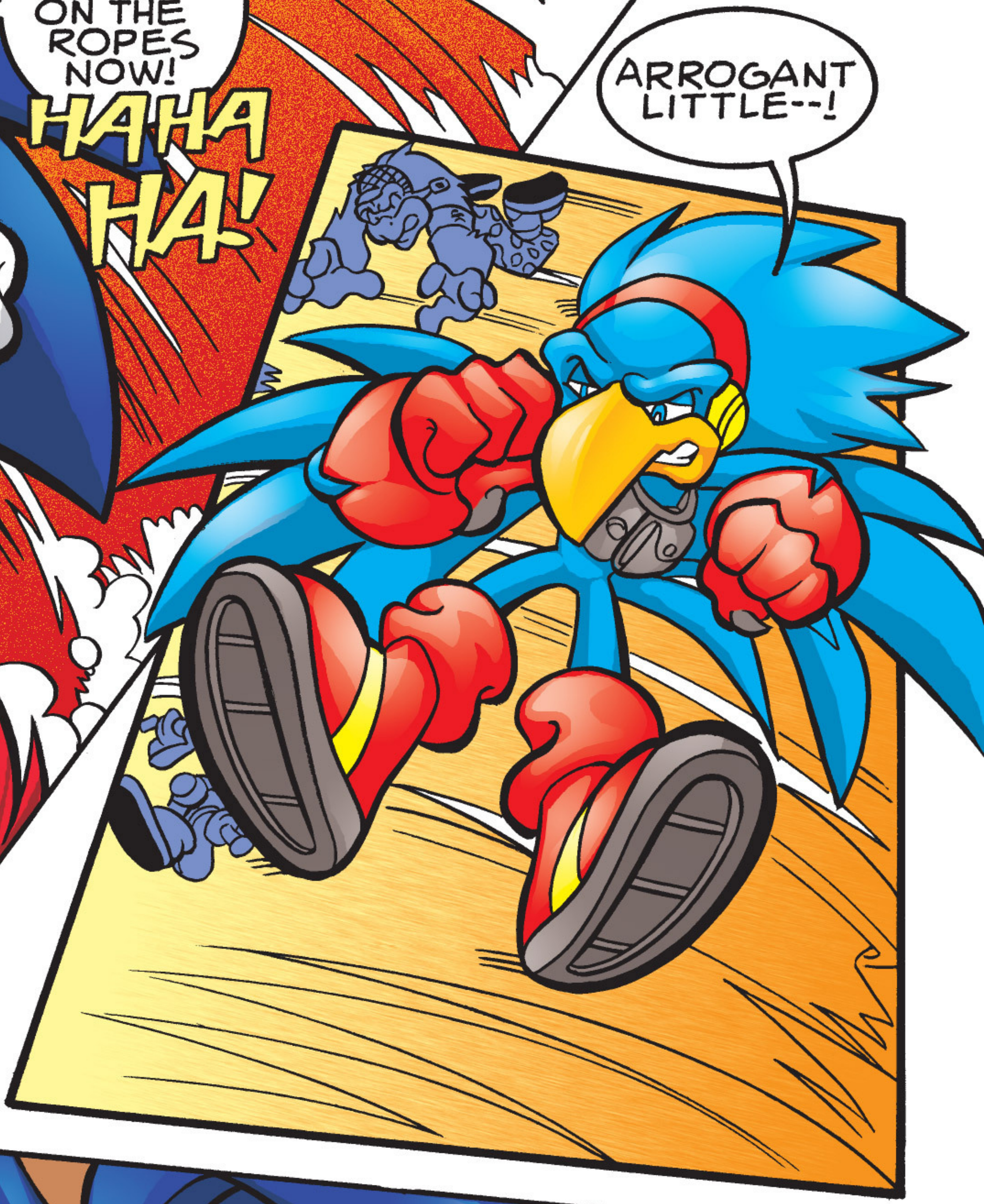
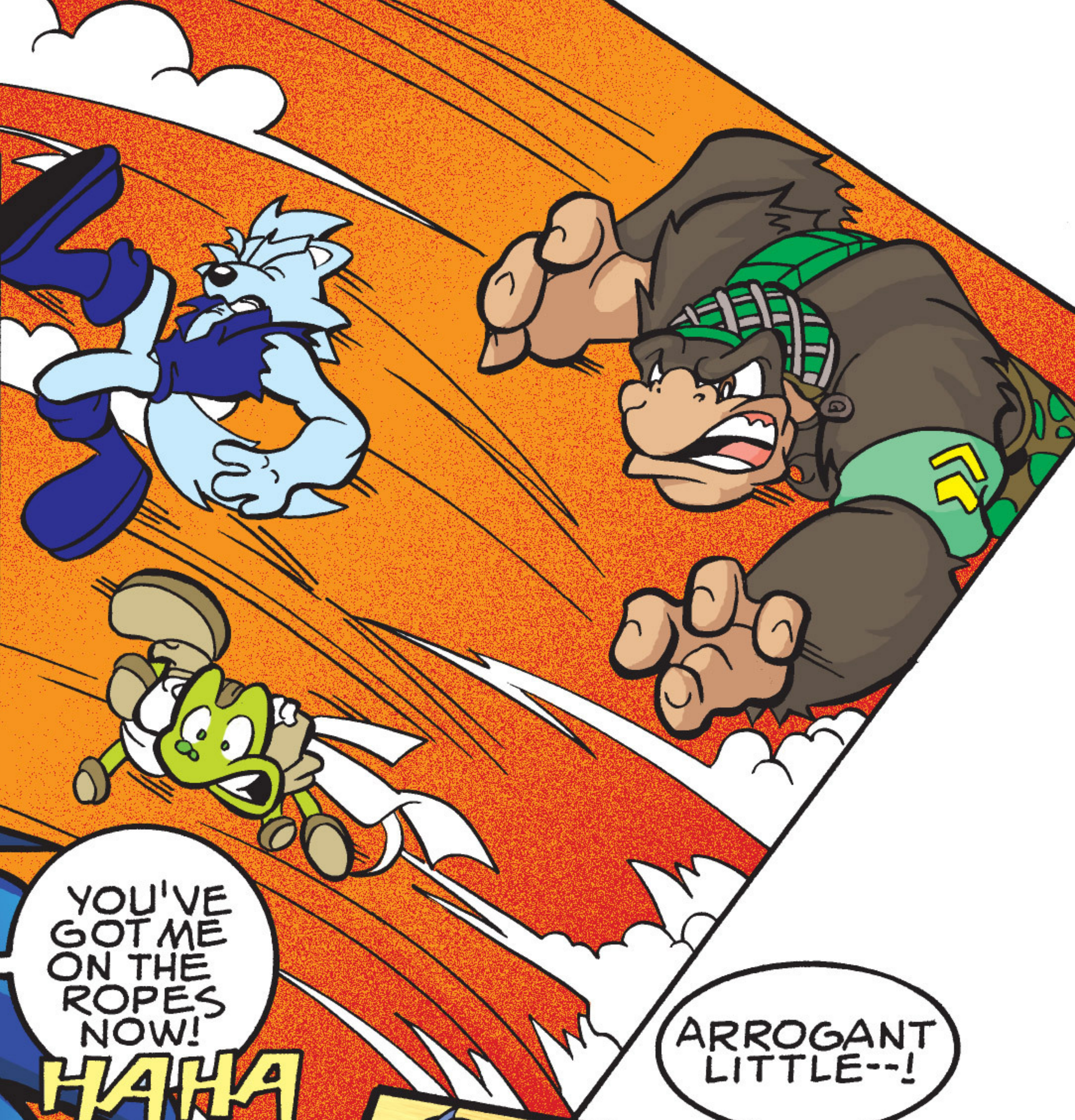
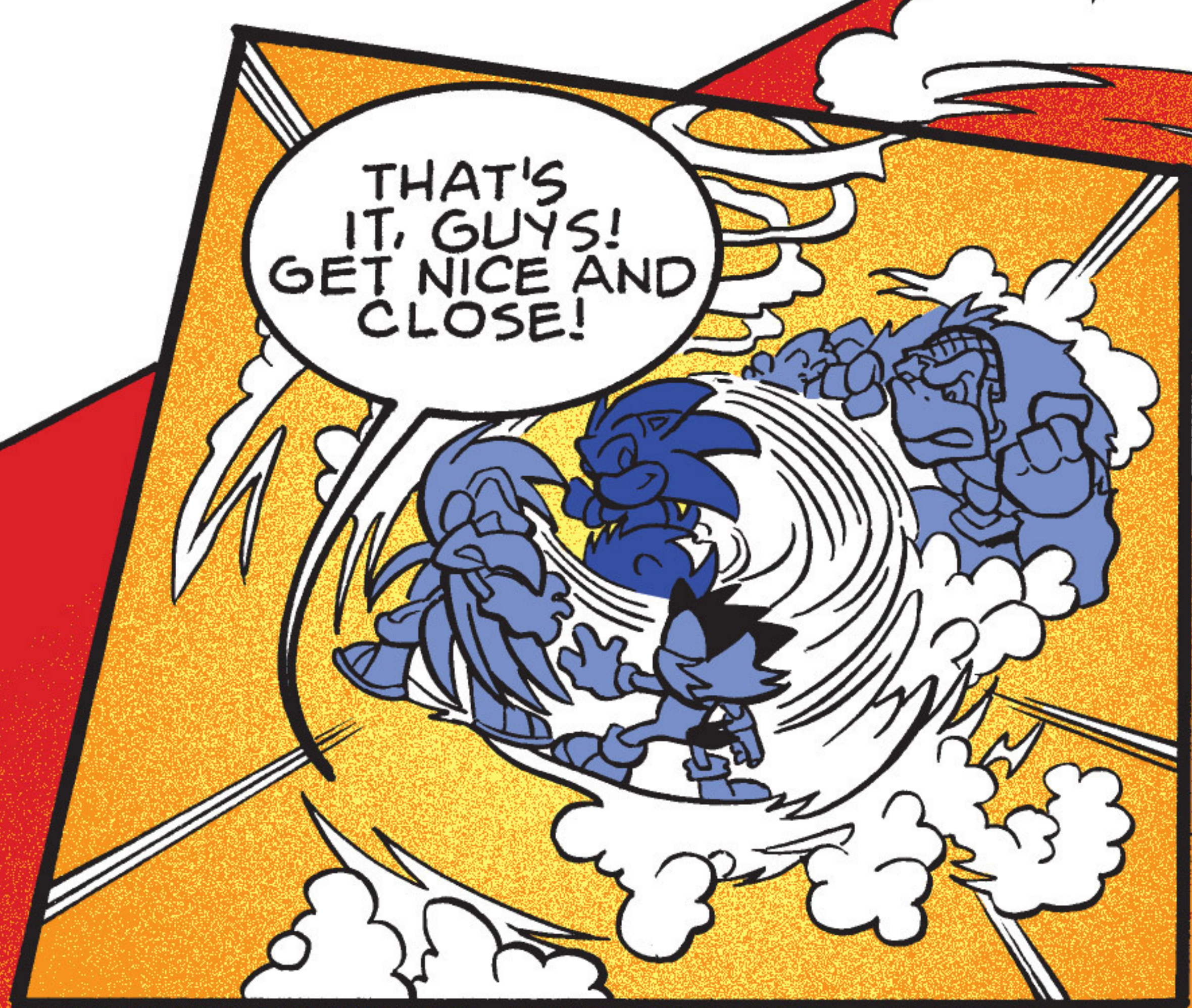
YOU MEAN SCOURGE AND FIONA? THEY BAILED ON US DURING THAT ENERJAK MESS.* NOT THAT WE NEED THEM FOR THIS JOB.



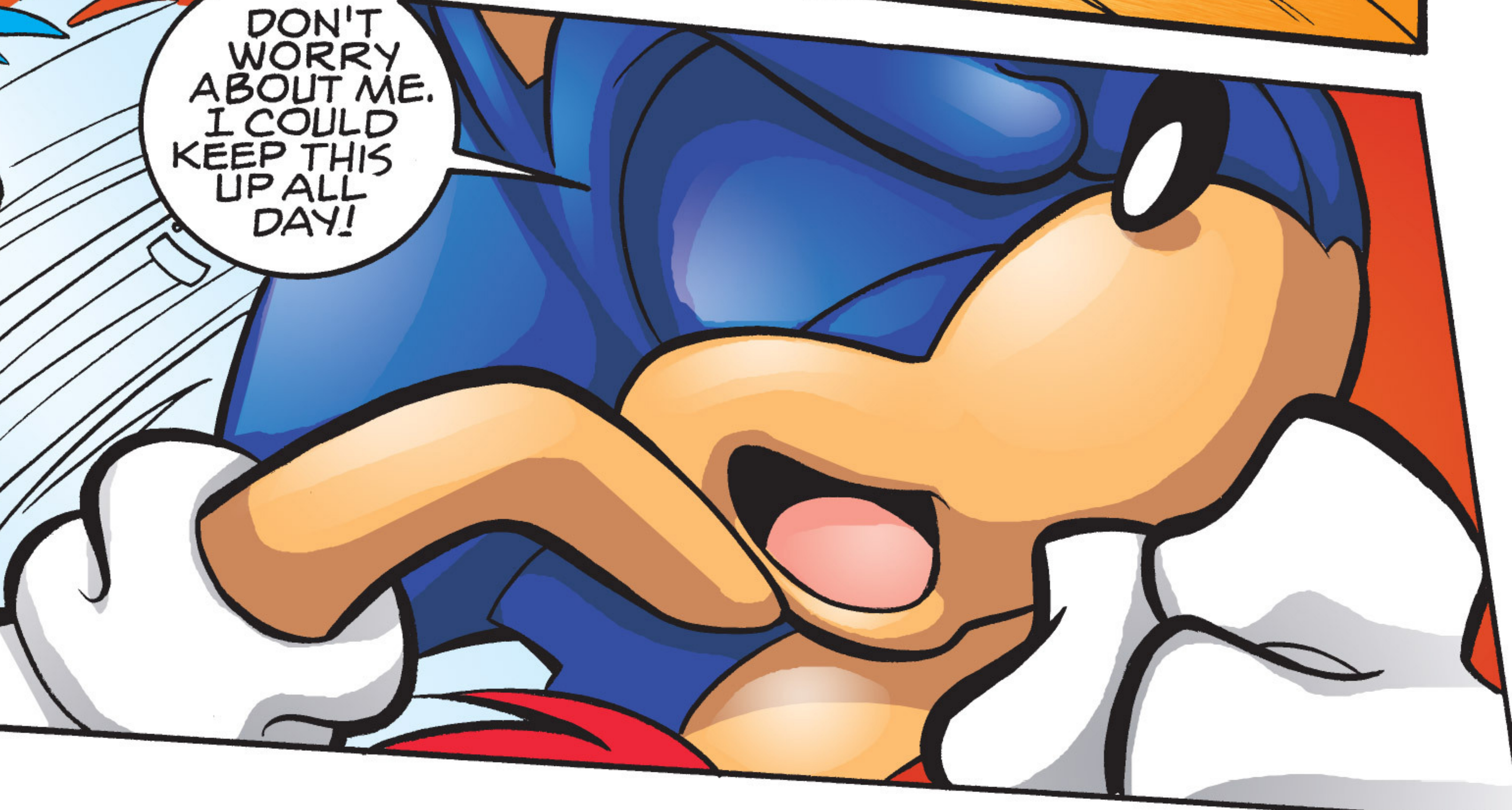
SUUUUURE YOU DON'T!

BOX HIM IN! BOYS. DON'T GIVE HIM ROOM TO DO ANYTHING.





DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I COULD KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY!





OW!
THERE'S
THAT
"PAYING
ATTENTION"
THING
AGAIN...



YOU'LL
BE
PAYING
MORE
THAN
THAT!

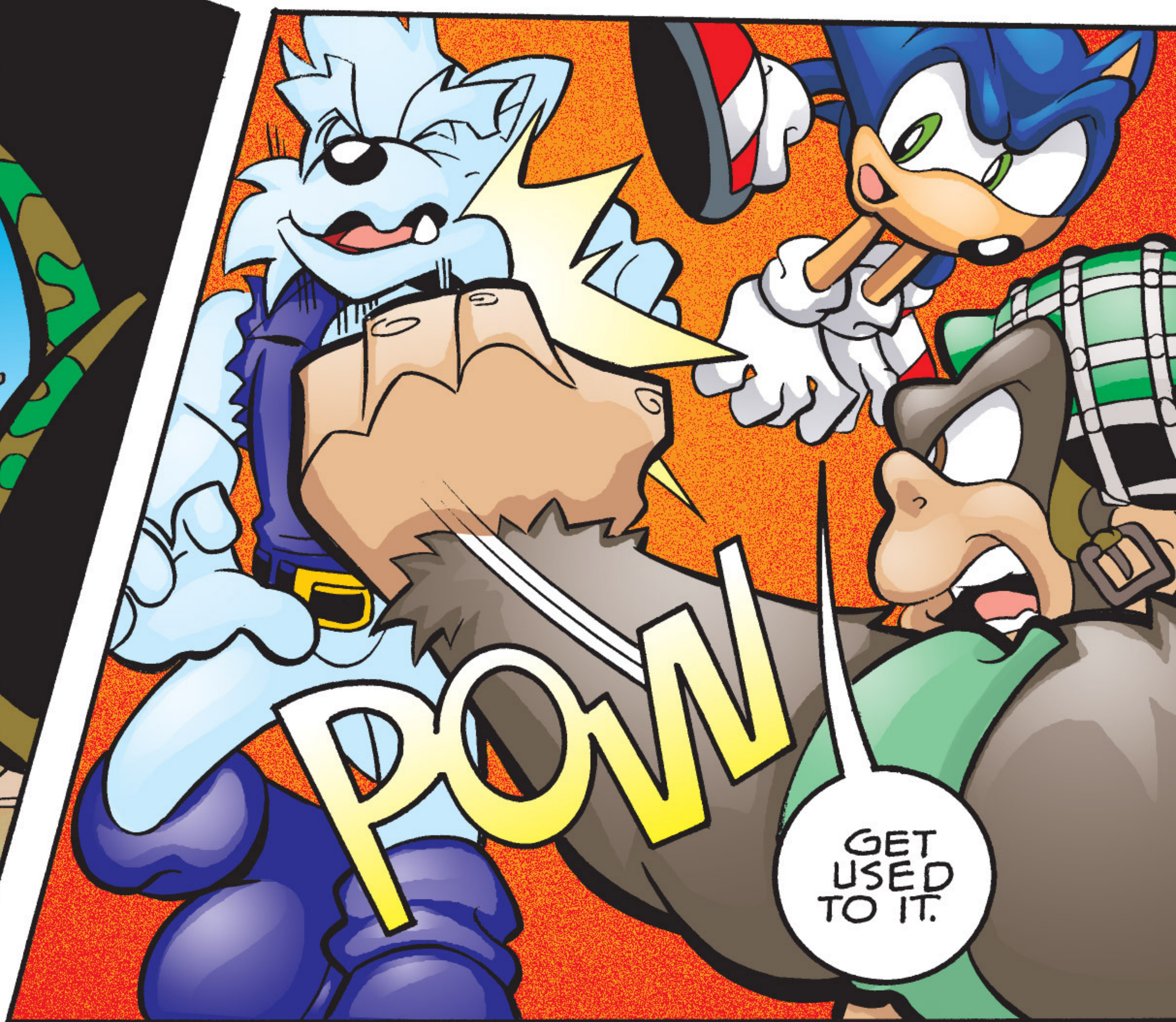


WE'VE
SUFFERED
ENOUGH
INDIGNITY
AT YOUR
HANDS!



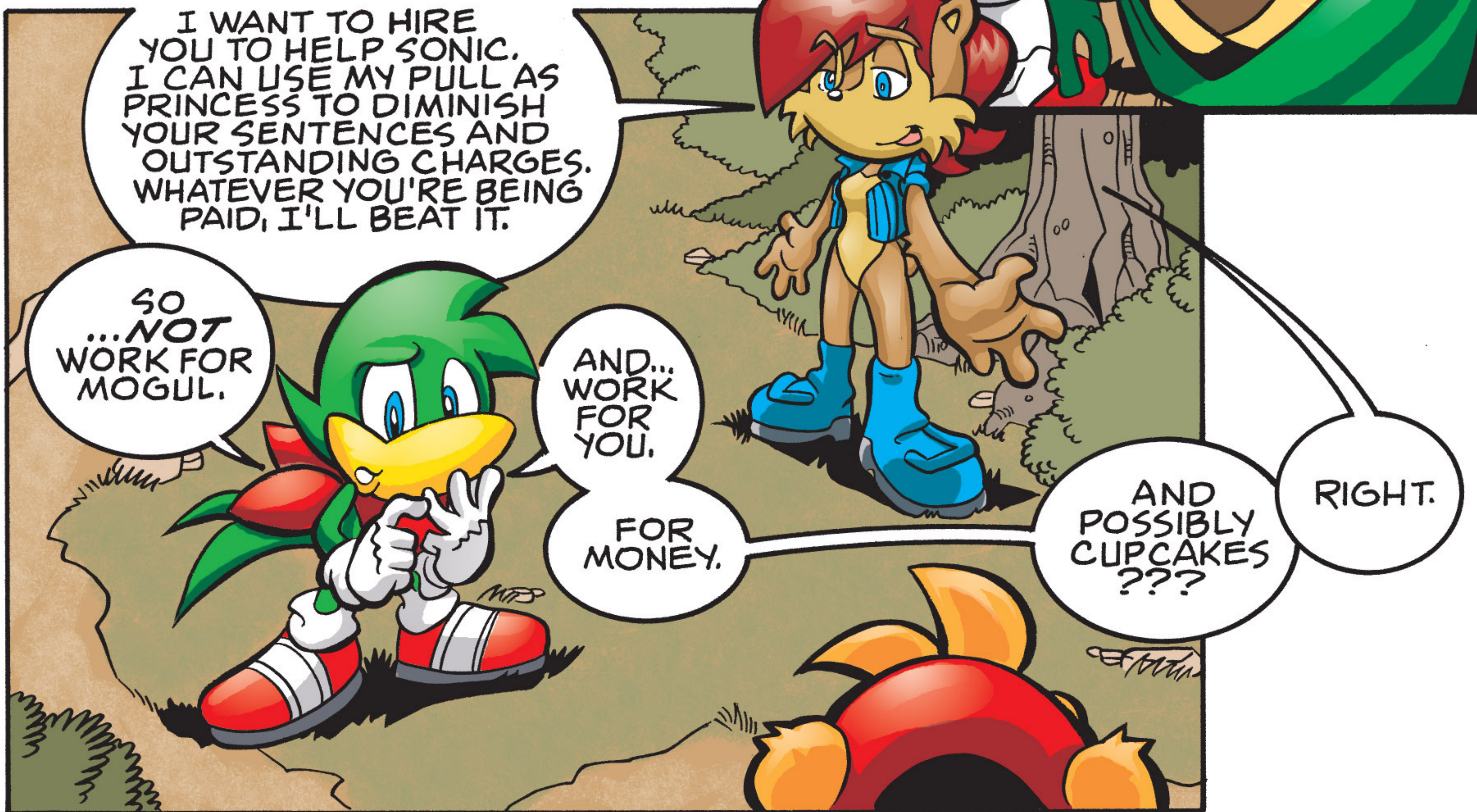
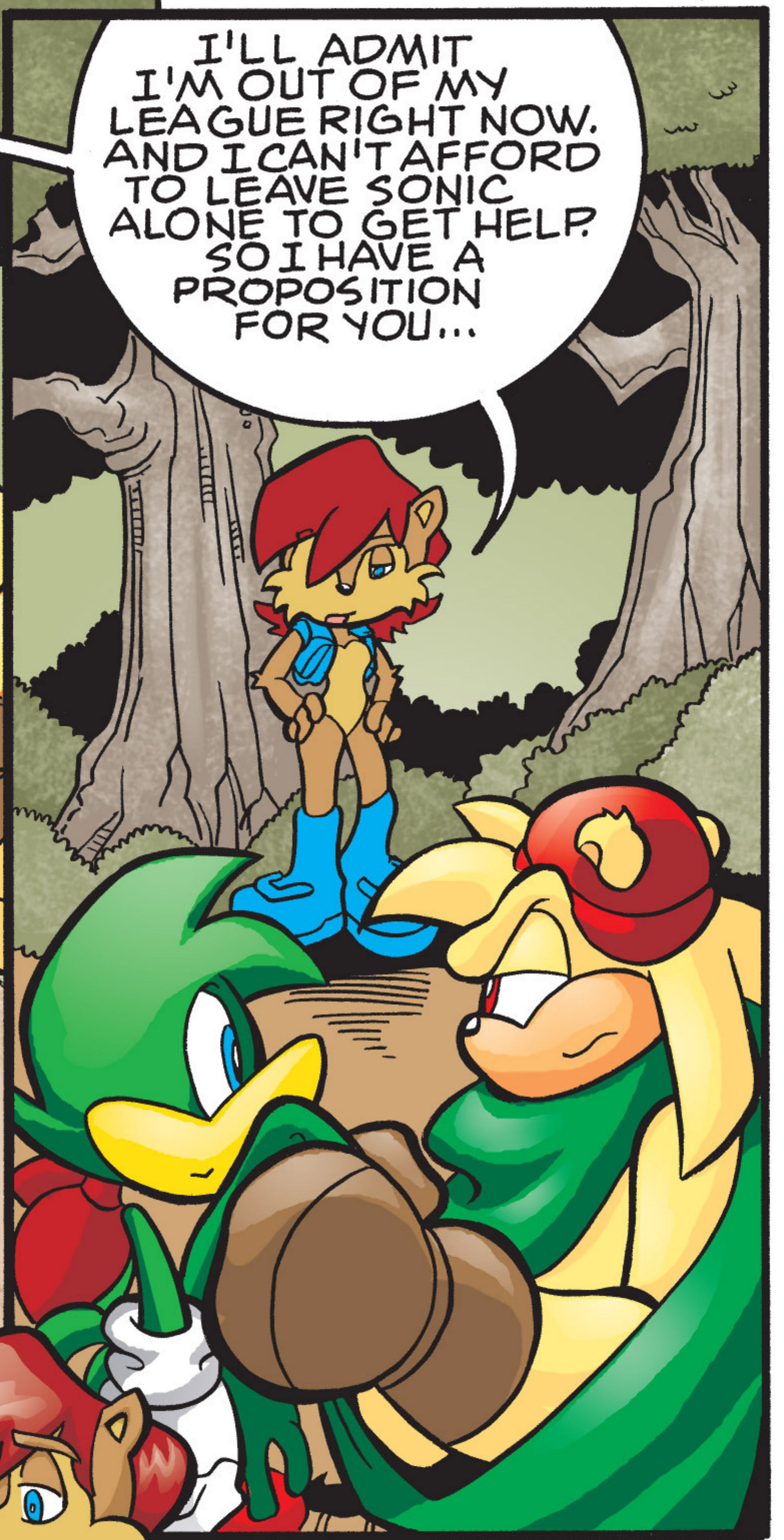
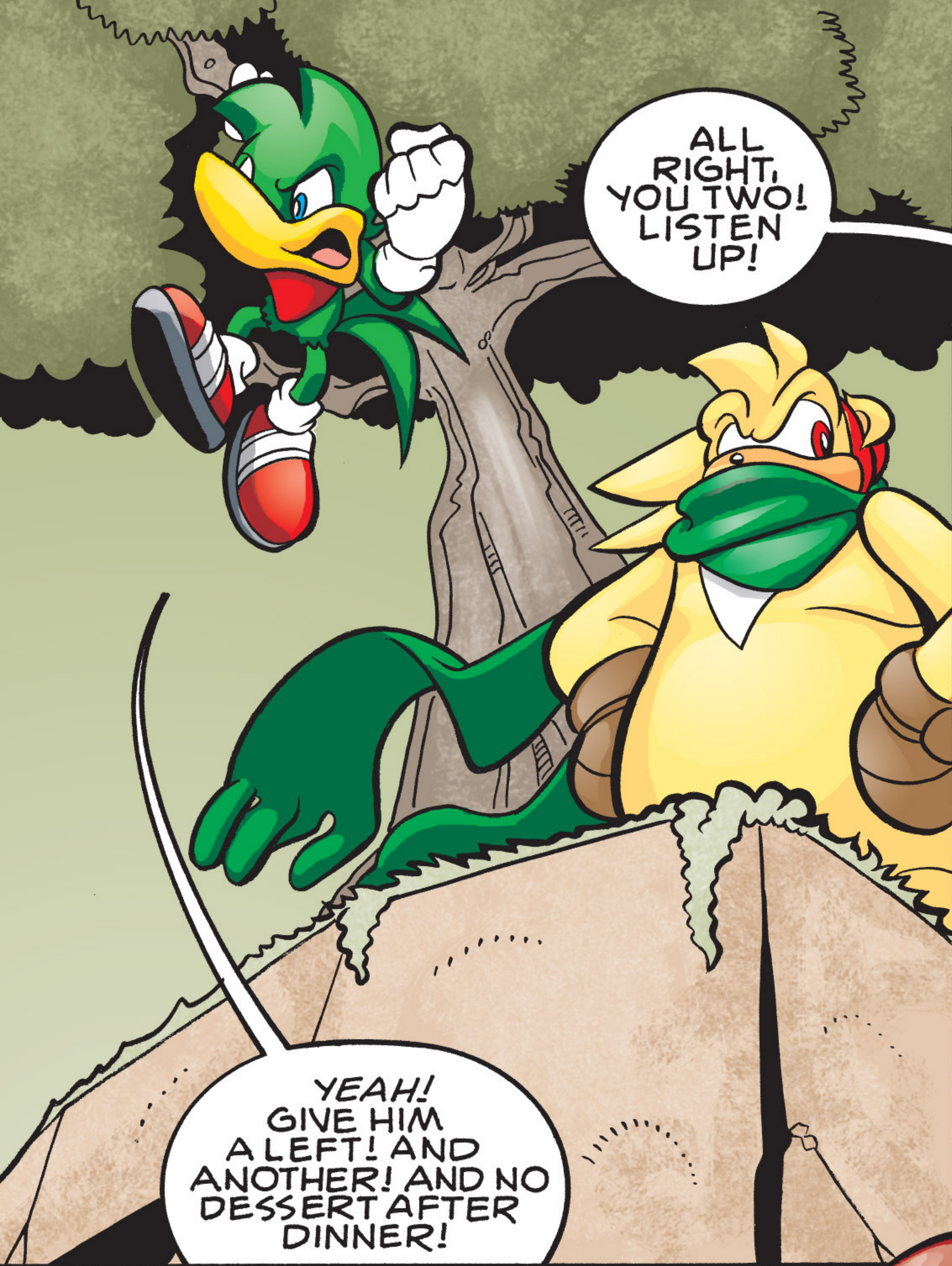
ESPECIALLY
ME.

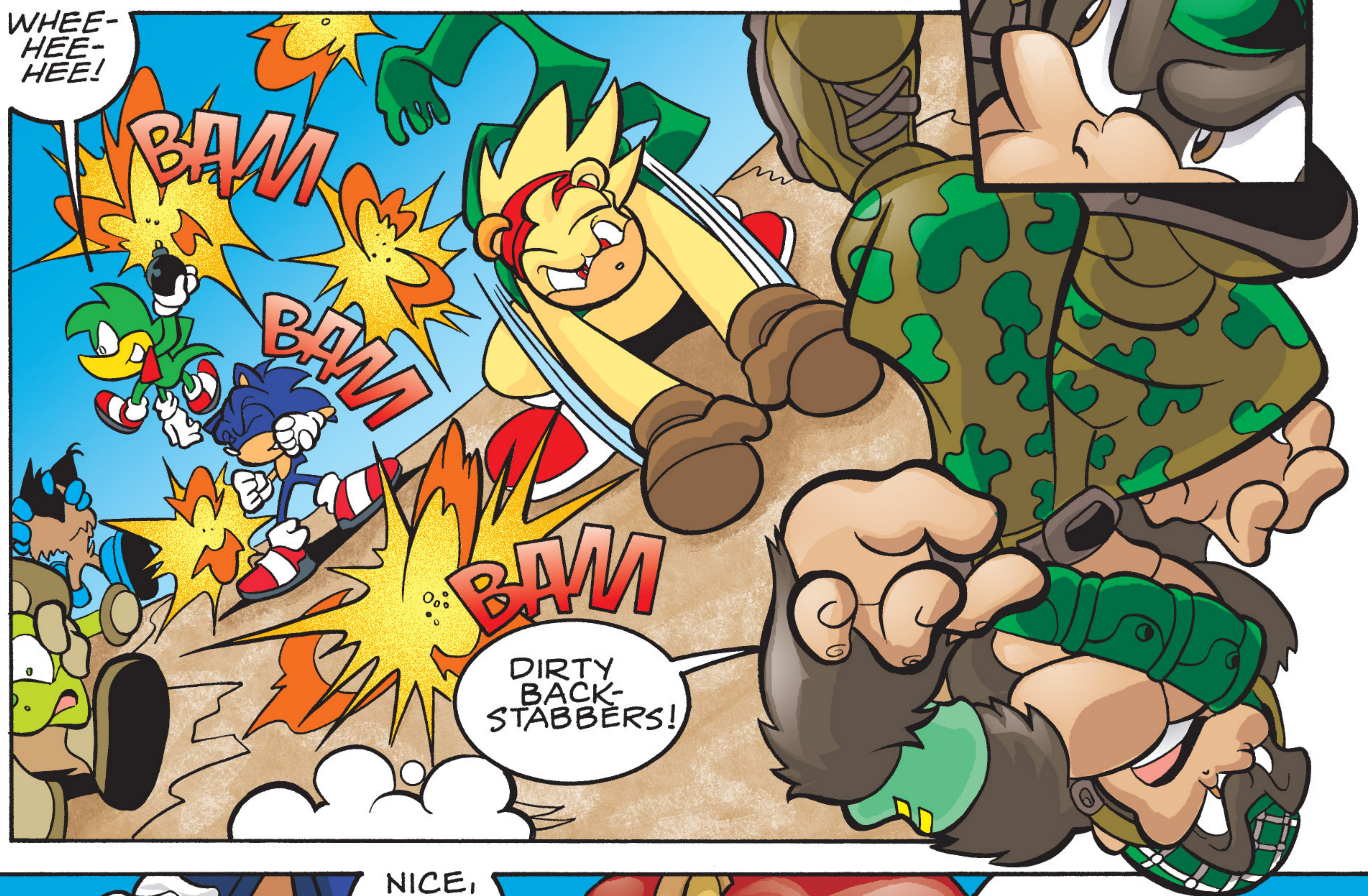
YOU
KNOW
WHAT,
DRAGO
?

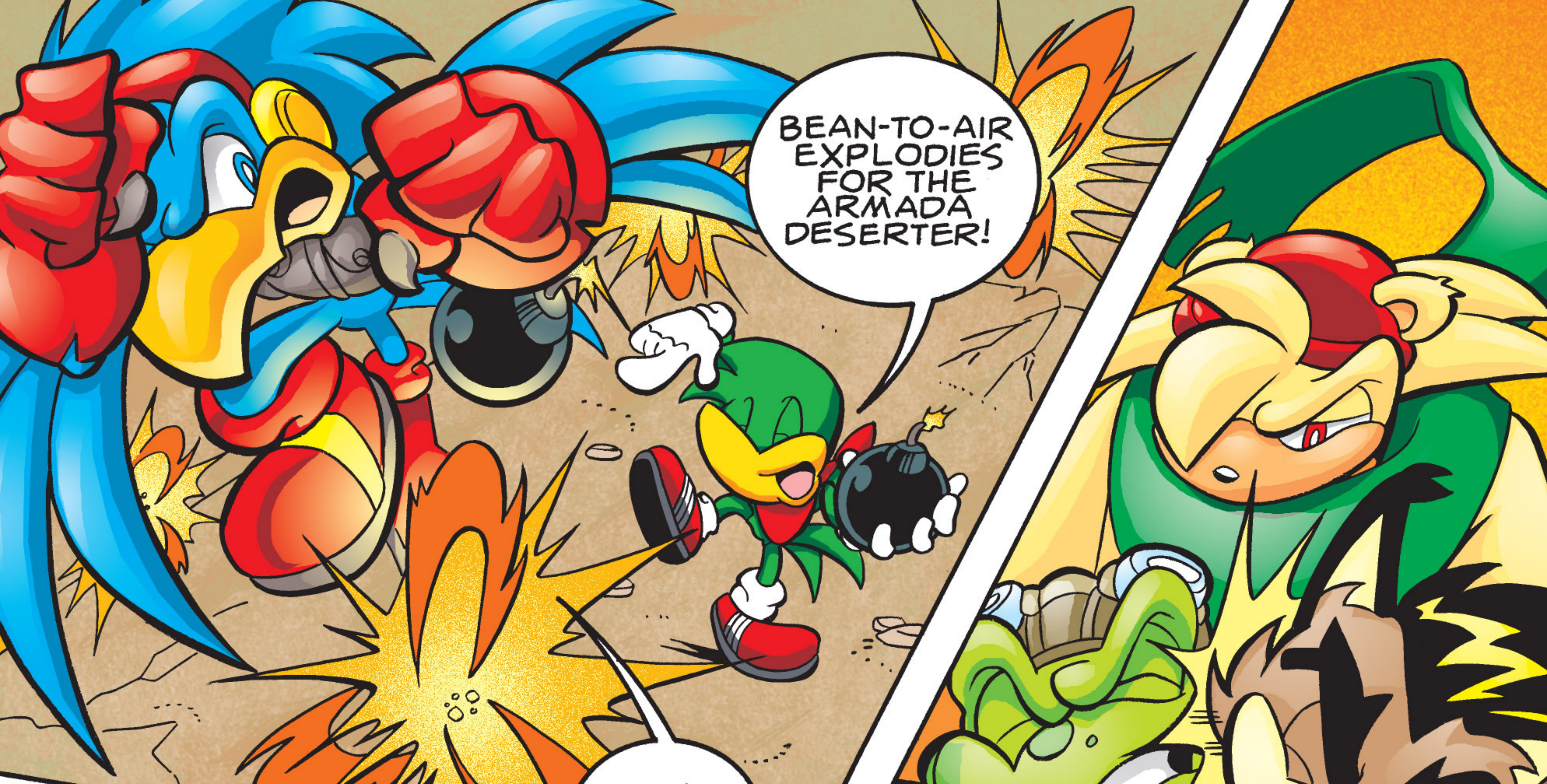


POW

GET
USED
TO IT.





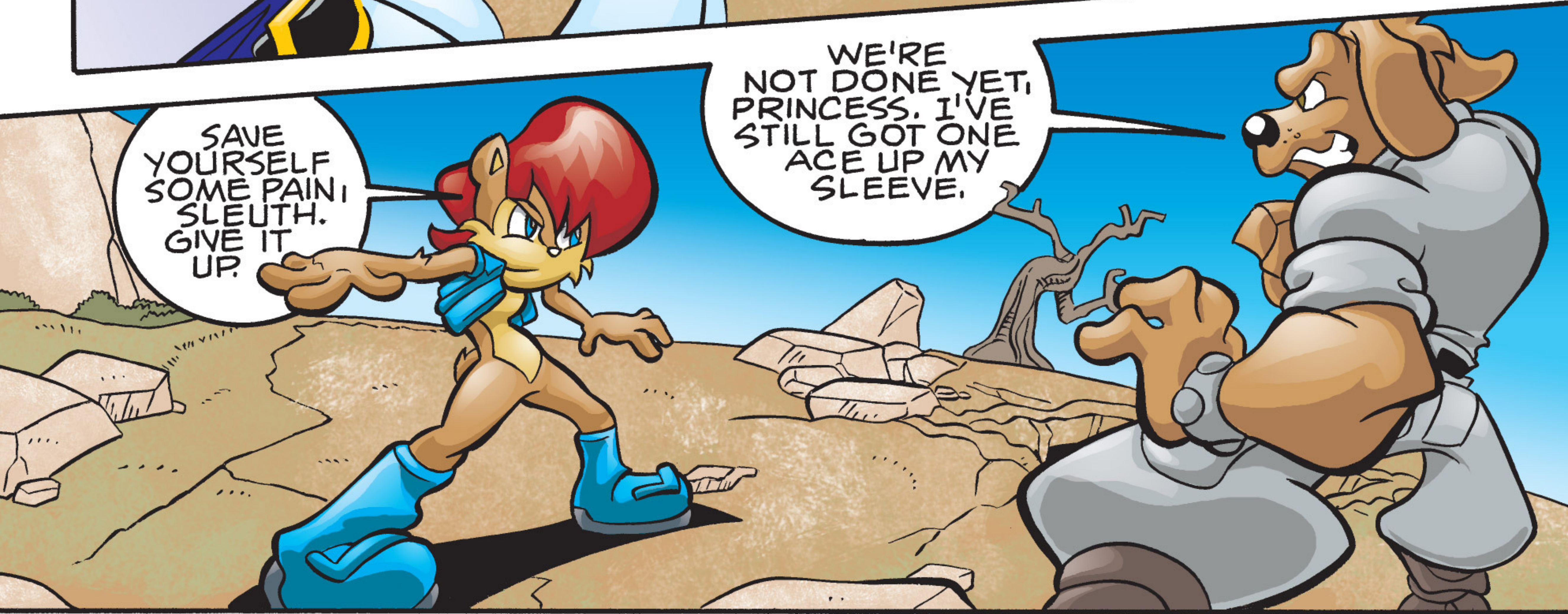


BEAN-TO-AIR
EXPLODIES
FOR THE
ARMADA
DESERTER!

YOU'RE
ONE TO
TALK!

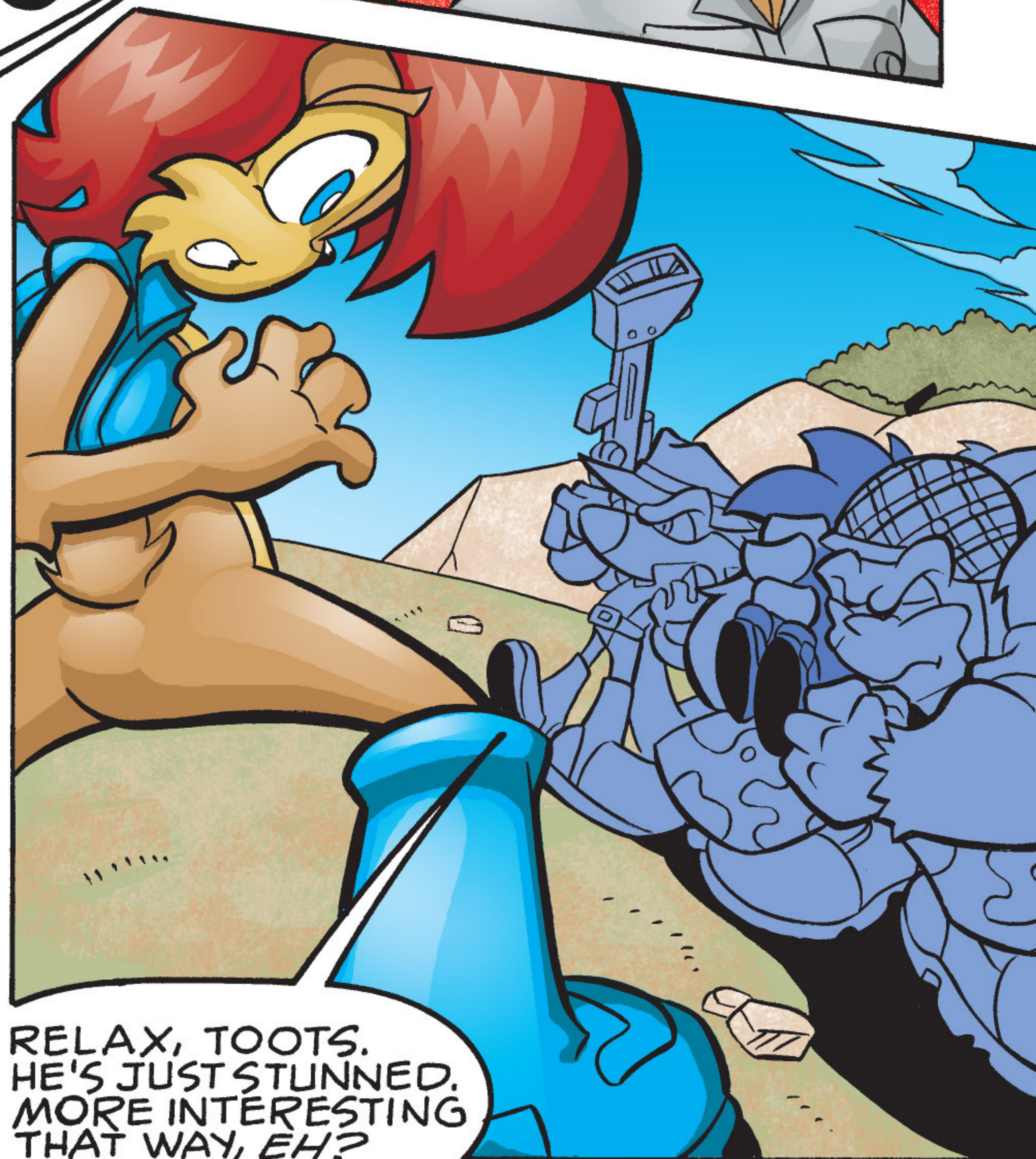
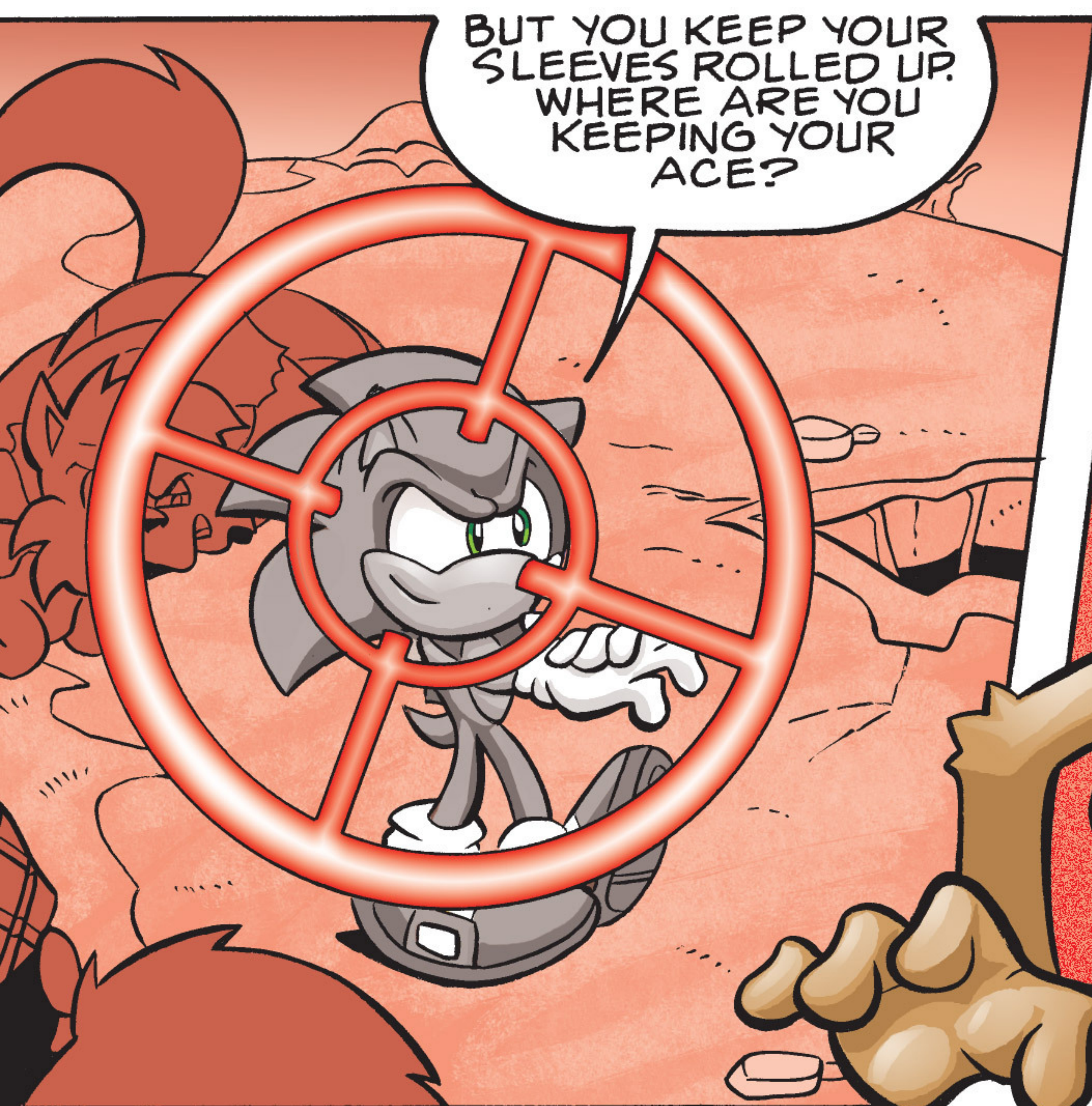


WE'LL
HAVE THIS
DONE BY
DINNER.



SAVE
YOURSELF
SOME PAIN!
SLEUTH.
GIVE IT
UP.

WE'RE
NOT DONE YET,
PRINCESS. I'VE
STILL GOT ONE
ACE UP MY
SLEEVE.

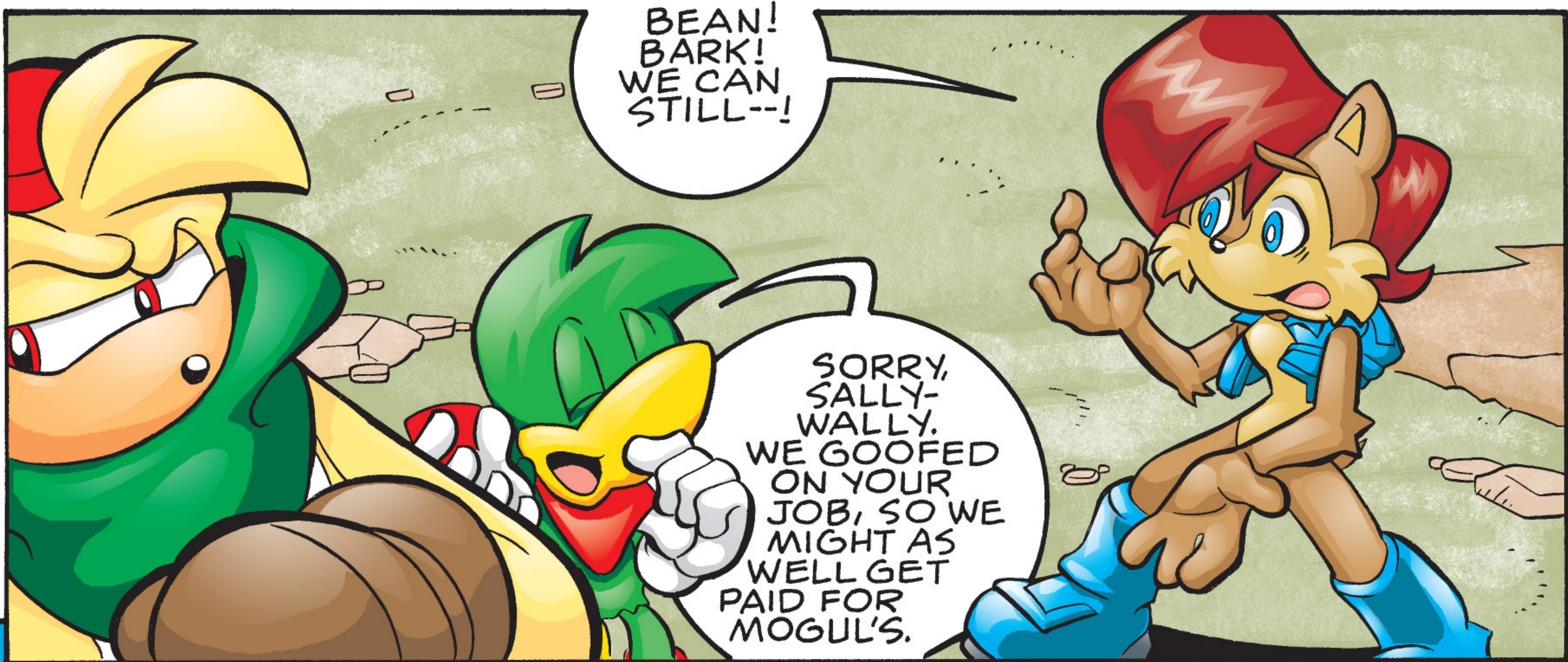




LET HIM GO!

OR WHAT, LITTLE GIRL?

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US?



BEAN! BARK! WE CAN STILL---

SORRY, SALLY-WALLY. WE GOOFED ON YOUR JOB, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GET PAID FOR MOGUL'S.



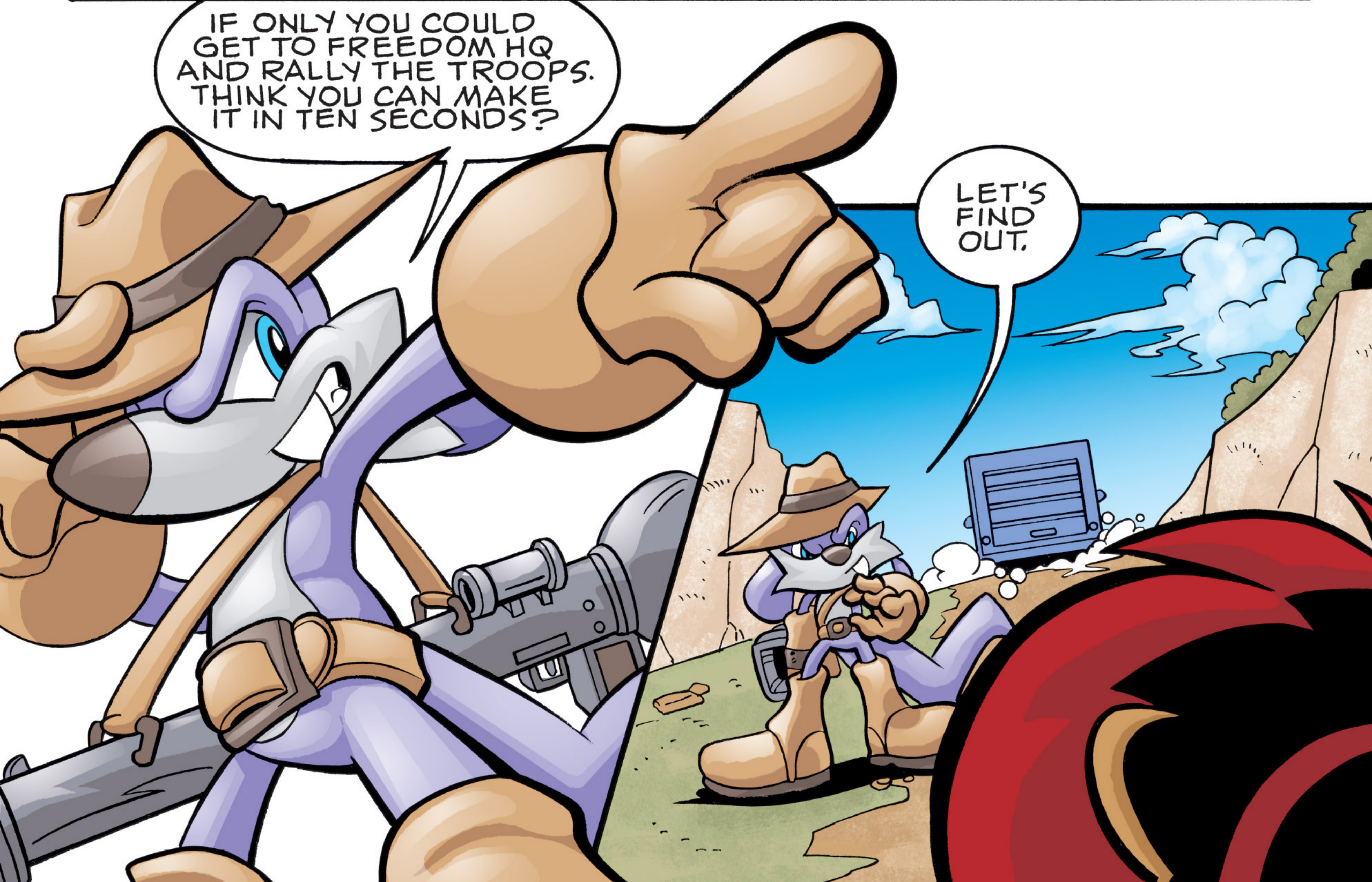
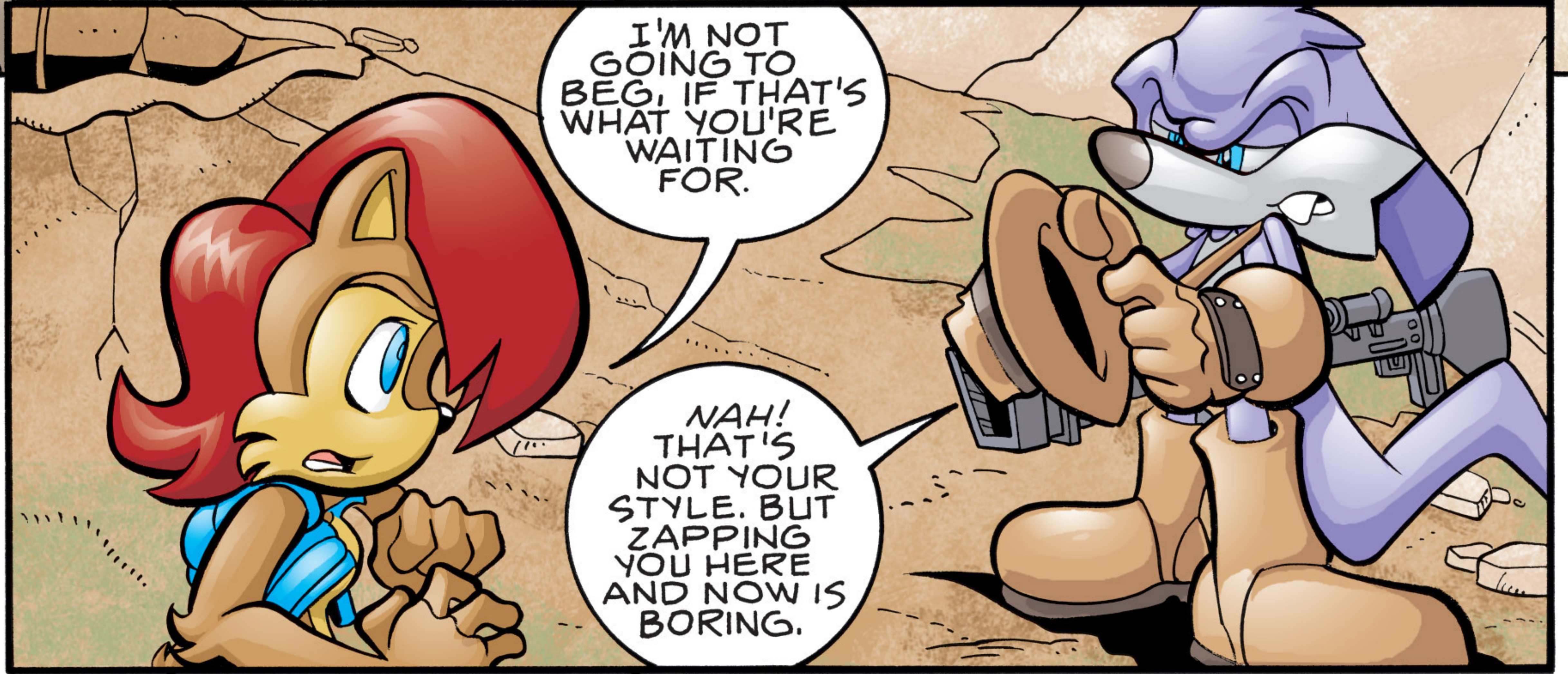
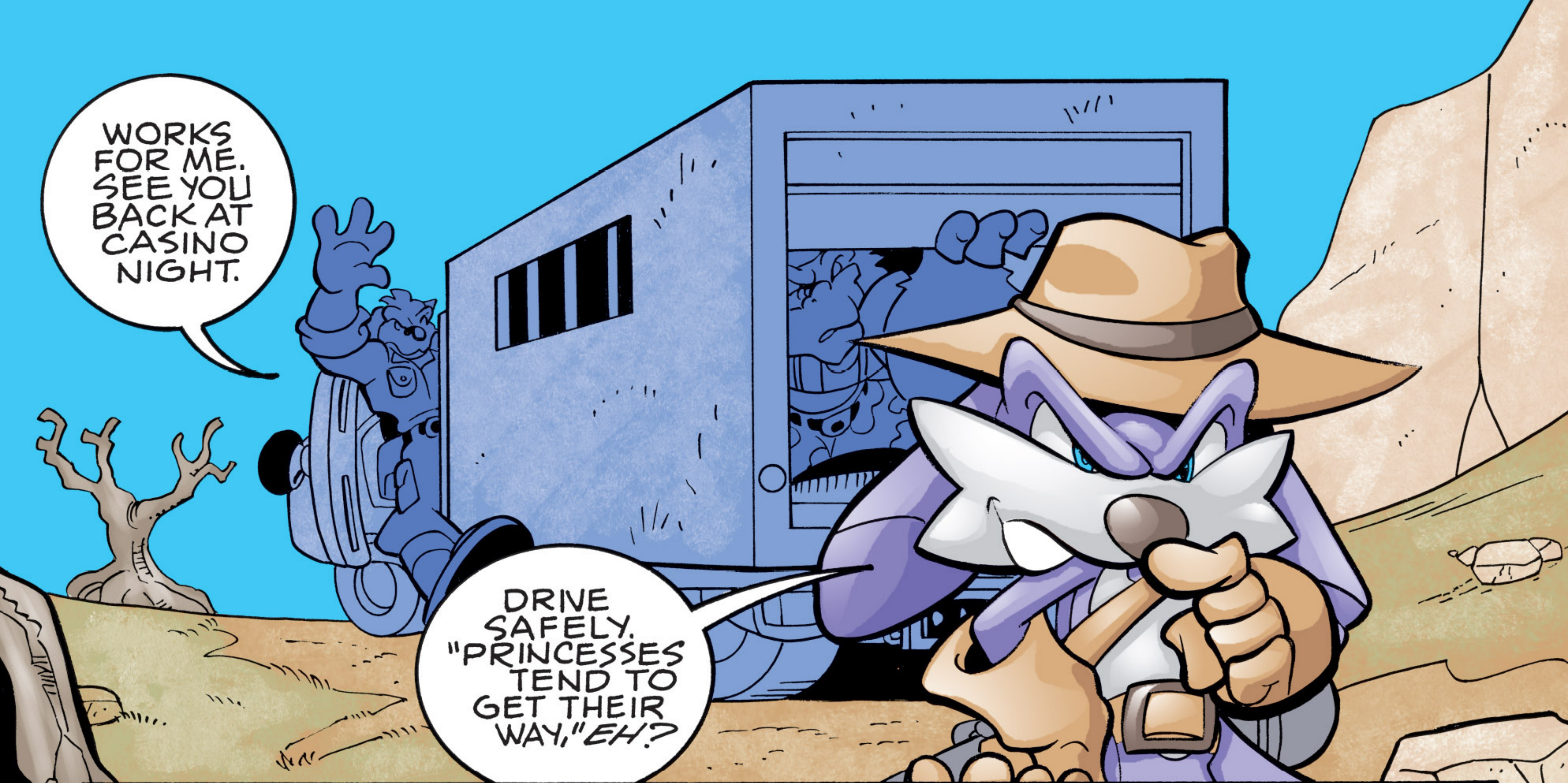
NOW--WHAT TO DO WITH THE ROYAL BRAT?

YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD AND CASH IN. I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HER.

SO DO I.



YEAH, BUT I'M DOING THIS JOB FOR **FREE**. THIS CAN BE MY TIP.





TEN,
NINE,
EIGHT.

If only **SONIC was the one running!
Can **SALLY** get the help she needs?
Can the help get to Sonic **IN TIME**?
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Dear Sonic-Grams: Hey, whazzup!

Sup.

It's so cool that Sonic Grams and Art are back! Great job on the covers and art; especially you, Tracy Yardley! Is there any way to contact Sonic artists like Spaz, Tracy, and my classic favorite, Art Mawhinney?

Considering they're all probably reading this, I'd say you just did.

Do you think ya'll can do trades on Super Specials, just like Sonic Archives? You don't know how bad I wanna read those!

Oh, we sure DO know how bad you wanna read those, which is why, in just three short weeks, you can pick up the very first installment of the brand new series "SONIC SELECT"! Each volume will reprint 128 pages of the best of the best from the Sonic Super Specials, all digitally re-mastered like Sonic Archives! Book One will feature stories from "Sonic: In Your Face," "Sonic & Knuckles," "Triple Trouble," and "Sonic Live!" Pre-order your copies today: on sale May 2008!

(SHAMELESS PLUG #1)

Any big plans for issue #200? Or is it Top Secret?!

HA.

When will that lime furball Scourge go home?! Really, he's such a pain!! He's caused so much trouble and drama...

Don't worry. You'll see Scourge soon enough.

Who's that female-looking version of Nack? Is that his sister or his girlfriend?

Be careful – Nack has zapped people for statements like that. Nic is his sister, NOT his girlfriend. She can be found in "Knuckles" issues 26-28 – back-order now! (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)

And that blue-green hedgehog with the brown hoodie and a bow and arrow, who is he??

Rob O' the Hedge wouldst be the hedgehog of whom you speakest! From the Kingdom of Mercia he be, and he appeareth in both Knuckles and Sonic comics alike, so ordereth your issueseth today...eth! (Ye Olde SHAMELESS PLUGGE #3)

Whatever happened to the original Robotnik in issue #50? Is there any chance he'll come back?

Ah, the classic "Endgame" saga from StH issues #47-50! The Robotnik vs. Eggman question dates back over ten years, and is much too detailed to go into here, so order your—ah, you get the idea (SHAMELESS PLUG #4).

Before I go, can you please explain to me how ya'll pick the fan art pictures?

- KENSLEY S.
FROM VA

You would like to know, wouldn't you?

Dear Sonic-Grams: I read all the Sonic Archives and was wondering if #7 and #8 will be coming out soon.

- CARL J.
FROM SC

Ah, now that's an easy one! Archives Volume 7 will be on sale in early June, and Volume 8 in early August.

NEXT ISSUE: 188



"Beating the House" – The Freedom Fighters follow Sonic's trail to Mammoth Mogul's casino, where Mogul holds all the cards!!

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FAN-ART



Jeremy P.



Matthew G.
From VA

That'll do it for this month's exciting installment of "Sonic-Grams: Back in Blue." Tune in next time for more laughs, tears, and misdirection, and as always: Keep on juicin'!

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